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12		Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business
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14		Required, and for a Prudency Determination
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2	PROCEEDINGS	2	South Carolina Public Service Authority. Last
3	-000-	3	name is spelled C-R-O-T-T-Y.
4	VIDEOGRAPHER: I'll read a brief	4	
5	introduction.	5	RONALD ALAN JONES, being first duly sworn,
6	Going on record. On record at 9:00 a.m.	6	testified as follows:
7	Today's date is October 16th, 2018.	7	
8	This is the videotaped deposition of	8	EXAMINATION
9	Ron Jones taken in the matter of Richard	9	
10	Lightsey, et al., Plaintiffs, versus South	10	BY MR. COX:
11	Carolina Electric & Gas Company, et al.,	11	Q. Good morning, Mr. Jones.
12	Defendants, South Carolina Office of Regulatory	12	A. Good morning.
13	Staff, Intervenor, Case Number 2017-CP-25-335,	13	Q. Mr. Jones, we met just before your
14	taken in the Court of Common Pleas of Hampton	14	deposition began. My name again is Jim Cox. I'm an
15	County, South Carolina.	15	attorney from the Wyche Law Firm. I represent the
16	Also in the matter of the Public Service	16	South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, commonly
17	Commission of South Carolina, Docket Numbers	17	called ORS.
18	2017-207-8, 2017-305-8, and 2017-370-8.	18	I represent that agency in a couple
19	Would counsel now please introduce	19	different proceedings, and I'm going to just briefly
20	themselves and whom they represent.	20	describe the proceedings so you understand
21	MR. COX: Jim Cox from the Wyche Law Firm	21	A. Okay.
22	appearing on behalf of the South Carolina Office	22	Q exactly what proceedings are occurring
23	of Regulatory Staff.	23	in conjunction with your deposition.
24	MR. ALPHIN: John Alphin on behalf of the	24	One proceeding is an action in State
25	Strom Law Firm on behalf of the customer	25	Court or a consolidated set of actions brought
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1	Plaintiffs.	1	by customers of SCE&G against SCE&G and SCANA.
2	MR. SOLOMONS: Gibson Solomons on behalf	2	And there's also consolidated proceedings
3	of the customer class.	3	before the South Carolina Public Service Commission.
4	MR. HATCH: Ben Hatch, McGuire Woods, on	4	Those proceedings, three different dockets, and they
5	behalf of Dominion Energy in the PSC	5	collectively involve issues regarding the recovery of
6	proceedings.	6	costs associated with the V.C. Summer Units 2 and 3
7	MS. MOODY: Leah Moody on behalf of SCE&G	7	
8	and SCANA.	8	Now is the time set for your deposition in
9	MR. WATSON: Benjamin Watson, King &	9	this matter.
10	Spalding, on behalf of SCE&G and SCANA.	10	Can you go ahead and state your full name
11	MR. CHALLY: John Chally, also King &	11	for the record, please?
12	Spalding, on behalf of SCE&G and SCANA.	12	A. Yes. It's Ronald Alan Jones, A-L-A-N.
13	MR. MITCHELL: Rick Mitchell and Kara	13	Q. And, Mr. Jones, have you had your
14	Silverman with Arnall Golden Gregory on behalf	14	deposition taken before?
15	of Ron Jones.	15	A. No.
16	MR. COX: Telephone appearances?	16	Q. Let me just briefly describe to you a
17	MR. SMITH: Emory Smith from the South	17	little bit about the procedure of a deposition.
18	Carolina Attorney General's Office with the	18	First, you just took an oath from the
19	State of South Carolina, and Arkin Hunter and	19	court reporter. That oath is the same oath that you
20	Ian Wesler may be on the phone later in my	20	would take if we were inside a courtroom in a trial,
21	place.	21	and it carries the same weight, penalty of perjury,
22	MS. PITTMAN: Jenny Pittman for the South	22	as an oath that's taken in a courtroom.
23	Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff.	23	Do you understand that?
24	MR. BELL: Kevin Bell on behalf of Central	24	A. I do.
25	Electric Power Cooperative.	25	Q. I'll be asking you questions this morning,

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- 1 and other attorneys will be asking you questions as2 well today.
- If at any point you don't understand a question that I ask, I can improve the question. I
- 5 can try to find out what the problem with the
- 6 question was and try to improve the question so that
- 7 you understand it. However, I can't do that unless I
- 8 know that you don't understand a question. And the
- 9 only way I'll know that is if you let me know that
- 10 you don't understand a question.
- 11 A. Right.
- Q. So will you let me know if you don't
- 13 understand a question?
- 14 A. I will.
- Q. This isn't an endurance contest. You will
- 16 need breaks at some point during the day, and if you
- 17 ever need a break, that's no problem for us to take
- 18 one. Again, the only way that I'll know that you
- 19 need a break if you ask for one.
- 20 So will you let me know if you need a
- 21 break?

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- 22 A. I will.
- Q. This deposition is being taken down on a
- 24 record, and it's important that we have a clean
- 25 record as far as what's being asked and answered.

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- There will be a number of times today
- 2 where you probably understand what my question is
- 3 before I've even finished asking it. I would ask in
- 4 those situations that you go ahead and try to hold
- 5 off until I finish the question, and that's good for
- ${\ }^{\mbox{\scriptsize 6}}\mbox{\ }$  a couple reasons: It helps ensure that the question
- 7 is what you think it is, but it also helps ensure
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{8}}$  that we're not talking at the same time for the
- 9 record.
- Will you do that?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. So I'd like to start just with some
- 13 background information about you.
- One thing I want to establish probably up
- 15 front here is a couple different terms. We'll be
- 16 talking today about the V.C. Summer Unit 2 and Unit 3
- 17 project in which you worked. And instead of
- 18 referring to the whole project name, we'll probably
- 19 be referring -- I'll be referring to it simply as
- 20 "the project."
- 21 If I use that term, will you understand
- 22 that I'm referring to the V.C. Summer project?
- 23 A. Yes
- Q. And my client, the South Carolina Office
- 25 of Regulatory Staff, if I refer to the "ORS," will

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- 1 you understand that that's who I'm referring to?
  - A. Yes.
- 3 O. And the Public Service Commission is
- 4 commonly referred to as the "PSC." If I use the term
- 5 "PSC," will you understand that that's what I'm
- 6 referring to?

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- A. Yes.
- Q. So let's talk about your background.
- 9 First, what is your current employment?
  - A. I'm retired. I do some part-time
- consulting, but I've retired from full-time
- 12 employment.
  - Q. What type of consulting do you do now?
- 14 A. Energy consulting. My focus throughout my
- entire career has been on nuclear, so that's
- primarily what I would be consulting in.
- Q. How much time do you spend consulting now?
- 18 A. The past year, my family had a couple kids
- 19 graduating, a sale of a home, a movement to
- 20 Blacksburg, so my time this year has been -- past
- 21 year has been fairly limited, but I'm still actively
- 22 talking to folks about potential opportunities.
- Q. Are you consulting currently on any
- 24 nuclear construction projects?
- A. As far as new nuclear construction?

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- 1 Q. Correct.
- 2 A. I have a consulting agreement with SCANA.
- Q. And what services do you provide to SCANA
- 4 under that agreement?
- 5 A. I provide, per their request, if they have
- 6 a request for information that can be helpful in the
- 7 demobilization of the unit, continuing questions they
- 8 might have about anything related to shutting the
- 9 unit down, the project down, demobilizing, that sort
- 10 of thing.
- Q. And just to clarify, there's no request
- 12 that they have currently for nuclear construction of
- 13 the project, correct?
- 14 A. No, no.
- Q. Have they made any requests of you for
- 16 services since you entered that agreement with them?
- 17 A. No.
- Q. What are the terms of your compensation
- 19 under that agreement?
- 20 A. It's an 18-month contract and -- for a
- 21 total of \$100,000.
- Q. When did that contract begin?
- A. It began in November, November 1st of last
- 24 year, and it runs for 18 months. So it will expire
- 25 the end of April this coming year.

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- Q. Are you surprised that you haven't had to 2 do any work under that contract?
- A. I think -- no, not necessarily. I mean,
- 4 the contract was there in case they needed my
- 5 knowledge of something that would be helpful in the
- 6 demobilization of the unit or had SCANA chose to go
- 7 down a path of preservation of the unit or those sort
- of things.
- So the -- it was -- in my mind, it was 10 more of an opportunity for them to draw on my knowledge of being with the project for five years
- 13 Q. When you entered into that consulting 14 agreement with SCANA, did you have any sort of anticipation of what types of information they would 15

that might be helpful as the project's shut down.

17 A. No, because I entered into that fairly 18 quickly. The project bankruptcy -- or, sorry --

need from you under the agreement?

- project closure was at the end of July. I stayed
- 20 another month with SCANA to help in the initial 21 demobilization efforts.
- 22 We put together a small organization. We 23 started identifying the issues as far as demobing a
- project. But once that was set up, I left SCANA at
- the end of August, you know, the 60-day WARN period,

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- 1 and then that terminated at the end of October.
- Q. You said "60-day" what period? 2
- A. WARN. WARN Act. 3
- Q. Okay. Is that -- what does that stand
- for, to your knowledge?
- A. Worker something, something. I can't
- 7 remember the acronym.
- But basically when we -- the project was
- 9 shut down July 31st, we laid off the entire Unit 2,
- 10 Unit 3 staff. And they all -- for those folks that
- 11 were direct employees for SCE&G -- entered a 60-day
- 12 WARN period.
- 13 Q. What types of information were you
- providing to SCE&G during the time period before you
- 15
- 16 A. For the month of August basically.
- 17 Q. Good point. And that's -- that's a good
- point about sometimes my questions may be vague about 18
- 19 time period --
- 20 A. Right.
- 21 Q. -- and I appreciate your clarification.
- 22 You're correct.
- 23 I'm referring specifically to what type of
- 24 information did you provide to SCE&G regarding
- 25 demobilization during that month.

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- A. Okay. So, again, the -- the cancellation
- 2 of the project was a surprise to many folks. We did
- 3 not have a demobilization plan in place. So during
- 4 the initial month, we tried to address the more
- 5 significant issues with respect to securing the site
- 6 from a physical security perspective.
- 7 During the month I was there, we actually
- got into developing a process for how we would allow
- 9 subcontractors back on site that had their own
- equipment there, for example, and needed to retrieve
- that equipment.
- 12 We also established a process to go
- 13 through and figure out who owned which equipment.
- 14 This was not going to be open the gates and, "Gee,
- come on back and grab whatever is yours." So there
- 16 was a pretty tight control we put in place during
- 17 that first month as to how different contractors
- 18 would be able to come on site and retrieve what is
- 19 rightfully theirs versus property that was part of
- 20 the project.
- 21 Q. Were you leading up that effort?
  - A. It was under my organization, that's
- 23 correct.

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- 24 Q. And once you were laid off, do you know
- 25 who took your spot in leading that effort?

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- A. So one of my direct reports when the
- 2 project was active and also during that time period
- 3 of August was Alan Torres, who was general manager of
- 4 construction that worked for me. So basically, when
- 5 I left, Alan assumed much of that responsibility.
- Q. Were you hoping to stay on and continue
- 7 leading the demobilization effort?
- 8 A. No. It was my option. I could have
- 9 stayed longer if I wanted to, to help lead that
- effort. But honestly, after about a month, we had
- 11 put together the initial plan, we had good people
- 12 running it -- Alan and several members from his
- 13 team -- and there really wasn't a need for me to stay
- 14 at that time.
- Q. I'd like to talk a little bit about how 15
- 16 this consulting agreement with SCANA came about. Who
- initially proposed this kind of consulting agreement
- after your layoff? 18
- 19 A. Jeff Archie.
- 20 Q. And what did he tell you when he proposed
- 21 that?

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- 22 A. That SCANA was going to offer me an
- 23 18-month consulting agreement. We talked some about
- what that might entail.
- 25 It was not a full-time contract. It was

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- 1 basically for any part-time consulting that was
- 2 needed. Again, relating -- again, after I was
- 3 stepping out at the end of August, if they needed
- 4 some additional knowledge from the project as to
- 5 anything from recommendations on demobilization or
- 6 the aftereffects of that, if they needed any
- 7 information that I had from -- for example, if there
- 8 was a -- and this is just my speculation -- if there
- 9 was a dispute between a subcontractor and us as to
- 10 who owned what, then I might be drawn upon to weigh
- 11 in as to what my remembrance was as to contractually
- -- In as to what my remembrance was as to contractant
- 12 what the deal was with those folks, that sort of
- 13 thing.

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- Q. Have you had any conversations with
- 15 Mr. Torres since you were laid off from the project?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Can you describe what those conversations
- 18 consisted of?
- A. Well, Alan and I not only were coworkers,
- 20 but we were friends, too, along with many of the
- 21 other folks that I worked with. It wasn't a pure
- 22 business relationship. So keeping up with each
- 23 other's families, what was going on, that sort of
- 24 thing.
- 25 Alan stayed for a while longer with SCANA

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- 1 and then left SCANA and went to work for another
- 2 company. So some of that was talking about his --
- 3 his new position and what was going on there, talking
- 4 about folks that we had worked with as to where they
- 5 had ended up after the project shut down, that sort
- 6 of thing.
- Q. Did he ever contact you during these
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{8}}$  conversations to get information or advice on
- 9 demobilization?
- 10 A. You know, I can't recollect for sure. It
- 11 may have been during the initial months afterwards;
- $\,$  12  $\,$  but, honestly, that's a year ago, and I don't
- 13 remember.
- 14 Q. When was the last time you were at the
- 15 project site?
- 16 A. The end of August.
- Q. So you haven't returned since you were
- 18 laid off?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Do you know where Mr. Torres is working
- 21 now?
- A. He is working for Babcock & Wilcox and is
- 23 responsible for a number of power-generating
- 24 facilities that they're building overseas in the UK.
- Q. Are any of those facilities nuclear, to

- 1 your knowledge?
  - A. No.
  - Q. Just to be clear, you're saying none of
- 4 those -- you're aware of what those facilities are,
- 5 and none of them are nuclear?
- A. Correct.
  - Q. Okay. And so he currently resides in the
- 8 UK, to your knowledge?
- 9 A. Well, his residence is still in Columbia,
- 10 but he -- temporarily living accommodations, I guess
- 11 you would say, he lives over there and then travels
- 12 back to the U.S. periodically.
- Q. Do you know if he's currently in the U.S.?
- 14 A. I do not know.
- Q. And just to confirm, I understand the
- 16 compensation terms of your consulting agreement with
- 17 SCANA, it's a flat 100,000-dollar fee for the
- 18 18-month period regardless of how much work is
- 19 performed, correct?
- 20 A. Correct. It's paid monthly.
- 21 Q. And there's no increase for any additional
- 22 work that you provide?
- 23 A. No, no.
- 24 Q. And going back to my initial question
- 25 regarding your consulting work since you left SCANA,

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- 1 you haven't consulted on any nuclear construction
- 2 projects, correct?
- A. I have not.
  - Q. So let's walk back in time now in your
- career, and I'd like to get an understanding of the
- 6 different positions you've held in your career. We
- 7 can go backwards in time or forwards in time. I
- 8 don't know if there's a way that you feel would be
- 9 easier for you to kind of set forth your background.
  - A. I think -- let's go back, and I'll move
- 11 from the ancient history to the more recent history.
- 12 How is that?

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- Q. That sounds like a plan.
- A. Okay. So I attended Virginia Tech,
- graduated in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in
- electrical engineering, and worked for Duke Power
- 17 fresh out of school.
  - I ended up working for Duke Power and Duke
- Energy for over 31 years. My initial career with
- 20 Duke, I was an engineer at Catawba Nuclear Station
- just south of Charlotte, North Carolina. That plant
- 22 was under construction in 1980. First unit's not due
- 23 to come on line for about another five years or so.
  - For the initial three -- three or four
- 25 years, I guess, I spent writing preoperational tests,

#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 26 Page 28 1 start-up testing, hot functional testing, all the A. There were two aspects. Prior to me preoperational testing that has to be done at a 2 moving into that role, there were two individuals. nuclear plant before you're actually ready to load 3 Actually, one individual was responsible for the -fuel and start it up. 4 the regulatory aspect. And by that, I don't mean I was an individual contributor for 5 Nuclear Regulatory Commission aspect but the several years, and then I became supervisor over the 6 regulatory aspect of building a plant that was going group that did that sort of testing for the second 7 to serve both North and South Carolina. So unit and did that for a couple years. interfaces that would occur with the PSCs in both And then I went to license class, was 9 states, looking towards filings, that sort of thing, licensed as a senior nuclear reactor operator for 10 involvement with folks that -- at that time, Duke was Catawba Units 1 and 2. 11 considering having other folks buying into that Once I completed that, then I went into a 12 plant, buying shares of that plant. So that was one position, a managerial position, over a group which 13 part. provided maintenance engineering services to the 14 The other part was the technical aspect, site. Did that for two or three years and then 15 which is getting some preconstruction work actually became manager over a group that provide 16 accomplished on site prior to getting the license instrumentation and electrical technician support to 17 from the NRC, other regulatory activities, 18 the site. engineering reviews, things like that. By that time, I had spent about 13 and a 19 Q. Did Duke have a contract with Westinghouse half years at Catawba, and I was then transferred to 20 to build a plant at that site? McGuire Nuclear Station north of Charlotte where I 21 A. No. There was no contract. Duke, when was the operations manager for four years. 22 they filed their license application, though, in that 23 And then back to Catawba again in 1997 as 23 application, it -- to simplify it, basically said, the plant general manager or "station manager" as we 24 "Here's where we want to build a plant," and then it called it. I did that job for about four years. 25 said, "Here's the technology we want to use." Page 27 Page 29 Then went to Oconee Nuclear Station near And in that application, they stated they 1 1 Seneca, South Carolina as plant manager for one year 2 wanted to use the Westinghouse AP1000 technology. and then site vice president for three years. 3 Q. Was that an application for a COL? And then my last six years with Duke were 4 A. Correct. in the corporate office in Charlotte; the first five Q. And what does "COL" stand for? years as senior vice president over the three plants A. It's basically a combined construction and that I just mentioned -- Oconee, McGuire, and 7 operating license which is a different -- different Catawba -- and then my final year with Duke doing 8 than was done 30 or 40 years ago for nuclear plants new-plant development for Duke. where you had to get a construction permit first, 10 And I left Duke at the end of 2011, 10 build the plant, and then apply for and hopefully 11 retired from Duke. 11 receive an operating license. This was a one --12 Q. That last position you held with Duke, the 12 one-step process. 13 new-plant development, can you describe what that 13 Q. So Duke went ahead and applied for that 14 involved? 14 COL license without having entered into an agreement 15 A. Yeah. At that time, Duke was considering 15 with Westinghouse to build the plant? 16 building a new nuclear power plant at a site they had 16 A. Correct. 17

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near Gaffney, South Carolina. It was going to be the 17 Lee Nuclear Station, two-unit AP1000, the same design 18 19 that V.C. Summer 2 and 3 were.

20 And so Duke had had that project running for a few years, and I took -- basically took over

22 that responsibility at the -- I guess it was right at

23 the end of 2010, November time frame.

24 Q. Can you describe what oversight of that 25 program involved?

Q. Did that strike you as unusual? A. No, not at all. There were a number of 19 applications for licenses submitted, you know, around 20 that same time frame by other utilities. I would say 21 most of those utilities did not have a contract with

22 the company that provided the technology that they

23 had put in their license application. Q. At what point in time would those

25 companies enter into a contract, if any?

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- A. Well, more than likely, they would enter 2 into that contract -- if they were going down the 3 path of building and kept on that path all along, 4 then more than likely, they would enter in that 5 contract before they got the license so that once the 6 COL was issued, they could immediately not only 7 commence the nuclear construction, but leading up to 8 that, before the COL was issued, doing pre -- there was a term for it, but basically activities that are allowed before you get the license: Site grading, clearing, for example, excavations, building support buildings on the site to support the nuclear 13 construction when it started once the license was 14 issued.
- 15 Q. And what was the reason that Duke did not 16 move forward with constructing this plant?

What was the name of the site? I forgot.

18 A. It was -- well, it was near Gaffney, South 19 Carolina, and it was the Lee Nuclear Station.

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- 20 Q. And can you explain why that plant was 21 never -- construction never began?
- 22 A. I really can't because I left Duke at the 23 end of 2011. At that point in time, we had submitted our license application. I can't remember how many years we were expecting before we actually got that

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1 approved, but Duke was still going down the path of eventually constructing.

They made a decision after I left Duke, in 4 fact, in not too -- not too far back, they decided 5 basically to cancel the license. But as to the reasons why, I don't have any knowledge of that.

- 7 Q. And it's correct to say that you were not involved in construction on the Lee plant, correct?
- A. Not nuclear construction because, again, 10 we did not have a license. We did not have a 11 contract with an architect, engineer, or constructor.

12 There were some presite activities we were 13 doing. That site was a site that Duke, back in the late '70s, had actually started another nuclear plant 15 on. So there was some demolition activities that 16 needed to happen to get that site ready for the point 17 of building a different, new nuclear project there.

18 Q. You made a -- you referred to a term that 19 I think is -- sounds significant from -- from what I 20 understand.

21 You referred to "nuclear construction." I 22 was wondering if you could explain what "nuclear 23 construction" is in the context of constructing a 24 nuclear power plant.

A. Yeah. So as I alluded to before, there

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1 are certain activities you can do on a site that 2 you're going to build a new nuclear plant, and you 3 don't have to have an NRC license to do it. Again, 4 the grading, excavating, support building, construction, things like that.

6 To do actual nuclear construction --7 meaning we're now doing something that, in the 8 nuclear world, is designated as safety-related; it's under the NRC auspices -- you have to have your 10 license in hand to do that. You can't start it and 11 then receive the license.

12 So there are certain activities. One of 13 the fundamental ones is pouring first -- what's called "first nuclear concrete."

You've got to have that license in hand 16 before you're allowed to do nuclear-safety-related activities on that site. 17

- 18 Q. In your experience on that Lee project, 19 how far was Duke going in the presite construction, the nonnuclear construction, at the time you left?
- 21 A. We had not really -- we had -- there had 22 been demolition that had been accomplished, but as 23 far as nonnuclear construction, about the time I 24 left, we had -- we had not issued any contracts to 25 start any of it yet.

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We were headed to that point, though. 1 2 There was some engineering that was being done to

3 support that. You don't just go in and start

4 clearing, for example, or grading or excavating.

There's got to be certain engineering that's been 6 accomplished.

7 And some of that engineering was being performed, but it was not to the point where any 9 on-site activities that would lead to being ready for 10 the nuclear construction could -- they couldn't be 11 started until the engineering had been accomplished.

Q. And I'd like to go back to the earlier positions that you held for Duke.

14 I guess the global question I want to ask

15 is: Is it correct to say that the work you did with Catawba at the beginning of your career was the only

17 nuclear construction work that you were involved in?

18 A. I would say no. So nuclear plants that

19 were built in the '70s and '80s, there is certain

20 maintenance work you do, but there's also what I

would call -- well, there's significant changes that

are made to plants as they operate.

23 So, for example, during my time at Oconee,

four years there, Oconee was undergoing a

billion-dollar refurbishment that included putting

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- 1 new steam generators in, new reactor vessel heads,
- upgrading analog control systems to digital control
- systems as kind of the high-end technology stuff all
- the way down to structural modifications; for
- example, redoing the yard drain system to ensure
- proper drainage from the site.
  - So for the four years I was there, I was
- responsible for about a billion dollars' worth of
- ongoing work at Oconee and, in particular, two big
- parts being steam generator reactor head replacement
- that were done during refueling outages, along with
- my responsibilities for operating those three units
- 13 safely.
- 14 So there's a pretty good analogy between
- that work in particular and construction work. And,
- in fact, we were reconstructing many parts of Oconee
- 17 Nuclear Station during that time period.
- 18 Q. And were you in charge of that
- 19 reconstruction effort on Oconee?
- 20 A. We had a project team that was responsible
- 21 for that that reported to the corporate office but
- 22 basically took daily direction from the site, from
- 23 me.

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- 24 Q. Did you -- did Duke use subcontractors to
- 25 do some of the work --

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- A. Yes.
- Q. -- on reconstructing Oconee?
- 3 Did -- did your team or your contractors
- prepare schedules to completion date on that
- reconstruction effort on Oconee?
- A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Would your team prepare estimates of cost
- to complete the reconstruction?
- A. So there were many different contractors
- involved in this. 10
- 11 Again, the biggest job we were doing was
- 12 reactor head and steam generator replacement. We
- contracted with a company called SGT. We were
- responsible for negotiating that contract,
- 15 administering that contract, monitoring work
- 16 activities. Very similar to nuclear construction.
- 17 And the other projects were a little
- 18 bit -- little bit smaller, more isolated, but the
- same elements apply there: Contracts with one or more contractors to support those activities, on-site
- monitoring by our team to make sure they were meeting
- 22 their expectations, resolving contract disputes when
- 23 they come up because for any large project, you're
- 24 going to have contract disputes that come up.
- So, in essence, although those folks, we

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- 1 had the contract and they were responsible for doing
- 2 the hands-on work, we were responsible for providing
- 3 all the oversight.
- Q. Did your team prepare the schedule for
- 5 completion of that work, or did STG do that?
- 6 A. It was -- you know, the schedule was
- 7 responsible -- the responsibility for that schedule,
- as best I can remember, because this was a while
- 9 back -- was that it was the contractor's
- 10 responsibility to develop that schedule and present
- 11 it to us, and then we had input into it.
- 12 Q. Do you recall what level construction
- 13 schedule the contractor maintained there?
  - A. No.
- 15 Q. Are you familiar with the different levels
- 16 of construction schedules?
- 17 Basically, but I am not a scheduling
- 18 expert.

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- 19 Q. Generally, can you describe what you know
- 20 about the levels of constructions, nuclear
- 21 construction schedules?
  - A. Well, the highest-level schedule is a
- 23 Schedule 1. It's -- it's basically here's the
- 24 beginning, here's the end, and the major steps it
- 25 takes to get there.

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- As you go down through progressive levels,
- 2 you get down to, I guess, Level 4, which is much more
- 3 intensive in the number of activities, resource
- allocations, things like that.
- But for me to try to describe exactly the
- delta between 2 and 3 and 3 and 4, I can't do that.
  - O. Okay. Is it correct to say that the
- schedule on the V.C. Summer project was far more
- complicated than the reconstruction schedule on
- Oconee? 10
- 11 A. In many ways, yes, because this, you know,
- 12 V.C. Summer and the Vogtle project were the first
- brand new nuclear plants to be built in the United
- States in over 30 years. There have been some other
- plants that were finished in that past 30 years, but
- they were started back in sometimes the '70s or, at
- 17 the latest, the '80s. So these were first of a kind
- 18 in many ways.

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- 19 There had been many changes in the years
- 20 from the '70s and '80s, vintage plants to these
- 21 plants, as far as not just technology. For example,
- 22 these were all digital-control plants.
- I talked about Oconee where we were
- retrofitting analog controls and changing them to
- digital. These were all digital to begin with.

# Page 38 There had never been another plant in the United States built with all digital controls. The licensing process, we talked about that being different. So the -- just to get a license was very different in how you did that and what the NRC was requiring versus 30 or 40 years ago. Techniques for construction had changed quite a bit. The -- the NRC's requirements in many cases had become much more stringent, not that the old plants are unsafe at all. That's not the case. But the NRC just -- over the years had tightened up requirements, put new requirements in place that we had to comply with. 14 So these were unique projects, first-of-a-kind projects. Q. You mentioned "first of a kind" several times there. How does the project being first of a kind make -- make the project construction more challenging? 20 A. Well, I mean, just a simple example is if -- if you have built a house and it's a unique 22 house and you have a first-of-a-kind house there, there's probably some things you're going to encounter along the way that you'll go, "Okay, that wasn't right. The architect didn't design this Page 39 right. You can't build it the way he designed it. We're going to have to change that." There may be other things in that design that, along the way, you have to adjust and correct. The second time you build that house, it's pretty easy, though, because all that's been worked It's really kind of the same analogy with 9 a new nuclear plant. While these plants are 10 pressurized water reactors just like many of the plants built in the '70s and '80s, the whole design of them, the method for controlling them, the process 13 for constructing them, the exactness with which you 14 need to construct them, is night-and-day difference. Q. In your experience working on the 16 V.C. Summer project, is that something that SCE&G 16 on that maintenance effort on Oconee? 17 realized that this was a first-of-a-kind project 18 throughout that time period? 19 A. So I wasn't at SCE&G when SCE&G made the 20 decision to build the plant. I wasn't there as the 21 license application was prepared. I wasn't there

Page 40 after being at the project, my belief is that SCE&G 2 recognized that these were first of a kind, yeah. Q. And I'm going to turn to your time at the 4 project, the V.C. Summer project in a minute. I did 5 want to finish up a couple --6 A. Okay. 7 Q. -- points on your background. You 8 mentioned the maintenance efforts on Oconee. How 9 long did that maintenance period last? 10 A. It lasted the four years I was there, and 11 then once I left Oconee and I was senior vice 12 president over Oconee and the other two sites from 13 the corporate office, it went through the remaining 14 five years that I was in that senior VP of nuclear plant operations position. 16 So this is a very long, drawn-out process 17 because you're basically, again, operating a 18 three-unit plant and at the same time reconstructing 19 many features on it. 20 Q. And the plant was not in operation during 21 that nine-year period, correct? 22 A. No, it was. 23 Q. Okay. 24 A. Yeah. You know, the work that we were 25 doing, some -- you had to wait until a refueling 2 going to be a complicated and probably 3 longer-than-normal refueling outage. Other work 4 could be done with the plant operating. 5 So yard drains -- I mentioned yard drains, 6 for example. They're not safety-related, but they're an important function. Those could be worked on

Page 41 1 outage to actually do the work, which means that was while the plant was operating. 9 Q. Were there times when the plant had to be 10 shut down to do certain types of activities? 11 A. Refueling outage is when we would bundle 12 those activities and try to accomplish all those

- 13 then. Q. All right. Are you able to give any kind 15 of estimate as to what the cost was, the total cost,
- 17 A. I can't give you the final cost. The cost 18 when I assumed that responsibility was over a billion 19 dollars.
- 20 Q. Was that the projected estimated cost to 21 complete the maintenance?
- 22 A. It was -- it was the projected cost to 23 complete all the projects; not just generator and 24 head replacement, but digital system upgrades, yard 25 you exactly what discussions occurred back then. But 25 drain system, pump change-outs, things like that.

23 the spring of 2012.

22 when the license was awarded. That was awarded in

I arrived in July of 2012, so I can't tell

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- Yeah. It was a "bundled cost," I guess 2 you would say.
- Q. Other than Oconee, were there any other 4 plants that you worked on that also had significant 5 maintenance efforts that you would classify as being 6 akin to a reconstruction?
- A. Well, again, the other -- Catawba and 8 McGuire, for example, and any other operating nuclear plant, during refueling outages, there are time
- 10 periods where you will be making substantial changes 11 to that plant.
- 12 Other plants, for example, have changed 13 out from analog controls to digital controls because 14 they're more reliable. We had done that on -- on the McGuire units and the Catawba units. That work was
- 16 planned -- designed, planned, and then accomplished 17 during a refueling outage.
- 18 Q. How long do refueling outages typically 19 last?
- 20 A. If you're not doing the work that I just 21 talked about, if you're just basically replacing fuel and doing your normal preventive maintenance, probably the -- I don't have the most current average 24 in the United States, but it's less than 30 days.
  - Q. In your work at the beginning of your

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- 1 career on Catawba, was Catawba being constructed 2 initially at that time?
- 3 A. Yes.

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- Q. And what was your job during that time?
  - A. Preoperational testing. As the
- 6 construction folks finished building systems, the
- 7 group I was in was responsible for testing those
- 8 systems. So electrical distribution systems, control
- systems, piping systems, pumps, that sort of thing.
- 10 Q. And the work that you did in that position 11 is the type of work that never occurred at the
- 12 V.C. Summer project, correct?
- 13 A. We never got to that point to do those
- 14 traditional -- traditionally, they're called
- 15 "preoperational tests and start-up activities," which
- 16 you basically are doing as the plant nears
- 17 completion.

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- 18 Q. And when was Catawba completed?
  - A. First unit went online in -- if I'm
- 20 remembering right -- 1984, and the second unit a year 21 or two later.
- 22 Q. Was Catawba the last plant that was
- 23 constructed at the time that V.C. Summer was starting
- 24 up construction?
  - A. No. Other plants were completed after

- 1 Catawba was completed.
  - Q. So let's turn to your time at SCE&G. Can
  - you explain what led you to start working at SCE&G?
  - Well, I guess, a couple things. One, I
  - had been involved in new nuclear at Duke for my last
  - year there. I'm a nuclear proponent. I believed in
  - the -- going down the path of building new nuclear
  - plants.
  - 9 And the other thing that kind of combined
  - 10 with that is the nuclear industry is a small
  - industry. You know a lot of folks, you work with
  - folks over the years on different committees.
    - industry meetings, things like that.
  - 14 I had known Jeff Archie and Steve Byrne
  - 15 for a long period of time. And in discussion with
  - Jeff, I knew that SCANA, for V.C. Summer 2 and 3, was
  - 17 moving from a project that was primarily focused on
  - getting a contract and getting the license from the
  - NRC to now executing that and actually accomplishing
  - 20 construction.
    - The person that was the vice president at
  - that time was retiring, and Jeff called and we
  - talked, traveled down to Cayce, and talked to Steve
  - Byrne and talked to Kevin Marsh about that
  - opportunity. And that's what resulted in me starting

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- 1 with SCANA in July of 2012.
- 2 Q. So was it Jeff or Steve who initially
- 3 contacted you about the opportunity?
  - A. It was Jeff.
  - Q. And how did you know Jeff Archie?
- A. Small nuclear industry. Jeff had been the
- plant manager at V.C. Summer about the time I was a
- plant manager at Catawba and Oconee. He had been the
- 9 site vice president about the time I was a site vice
- 10 president, so . . .
- 11 Q. What did he tell you about the opportunity
- 12 that he had?

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- 13 A. Well, I was familiar with what -- what the
- 14 project entailed because we -- there was actually an
- 15 industry group that was put together for those
- 16 utilities that were interested or committed already
- 17 to building an AP1000, a Westinghouse design plant,
- 18 and there was a AP1000 working group that involved
- 19 Duke.

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- 20 At that time, projects that -- at the time
- 21 I was at Duke, Progress was not -- had not been
- 22 acquired by Duke yet, so Progress Energy was
- 23 interested, Florida Power and Light, Southern
- 24 Company, and SCANA. So there was an industry working
- 25 group that had been put together a year or more

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- 1 before I moved into the new nuclear activities at
- 2 Duke to look at things that the utilities, those five
- 3 utilities, could work on and kind of combine
- 4 resources to support them moving into eventually
- building plants.
- So there was an operations function.
- 7 There was a maintenance function. There was a
- 8 licensing function there. And this working group
- kind of provided oversight of the resources that each
- utility was providing to those functions, and I
- chaired that working group for the last year that I
- was at Duke doing new plant development.
- 13 Q. Did Mr. Archie make any statements to you
- 14 about -- and I should broaden this to include
- Mr. Byrne -- is it fair to say that you also had
- talks with Mr. Byrne and Mr. Marsh before you were
- 17 hired?
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- Q. Did any of those three individuals --19
- 20 Mr. Archie, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Byrne -- make any
- 21 statements to you about why they needed you on the
- 22 project?

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- 23 A. Well, I think I was a good fit for the
- 24 project because of my past experience that we just
- 25 talked about.

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- Q. And I understand that --
- A. Right.
- Q. -- and I hear what you're saying about 3
- your background.
- 5 I'm wondering if they gave you kind of a
- 6 pitch as to -- as to -- to get you on board about
- what the needs were on the project, whether there
- were any problems that they felt you could help
- address, concerns, that sort of thing?
- 10 A. Well, again, I think my background,
- especially at Oconee but also as the senior VP over
- 12 an operating fleet for five years, would be an asset
- 13 in this position, working for them.
- 14 Q. Fair to say that you just felt, everyone
- 15 felt that you would be a good fit? You got that
- 16 impression?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And did any of those three individuals --
- Mr. Marsh, Byrne, and Archie -- did any of them make 19
- any comments to you about the -- the progress on the
- construction being troubled and them needing you to
- 22 help fix problems?
- 23 A. No. So at the time I joined in July of
- 24 2012, again, SCANA had received the license from the
- 25 NRC, I think, in April. The receipt of that license

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- 1 had been delayed because of the NRC was new at
- 2 issuing COLs. So both the Vogtle license and the
- 3 Summer license were being delayed in being issued.
- 4 So I was well aware of that.
- I had also been down to the Summer site
- 6 prior to being employed there while I was at Duke as

part of my role leading the AP1000 working group, so

- 8 I had seen the on-site activities that were going on,
- 9 the preconstruction activities, earth-moving,
- 10 excavating, support buildings being erected, things
- 11 like this.
- 12 So I was -- I had seen the site before.
- 13 but -- and I guess the only other thing I was aware
- 14 of prior to starting employment there was, again,
- 15 Duke was interested in building AP1000s also, so we
- 16 were following fairly closely the work that
- 17 Westinghouse was doing on the design, the work
- 18 that -- at that time, it was Shaw as the constructor
  - was doing as far as things like module construction.
- 20 And we were aware that there had been some
- 21 problems in getting the module construction facility
- 22 down in Lake Charles, Louisiana started up smoothly.
- 23 While I was at Duke, we had meetings with Shaw to
- 24 talk about that and understand what was going on with
  - 25 the module facility that they were trying to

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- 1 start-up. There was some quality concerns on the
- 2 front end, some regulatory issues. So we had
- 3 meetings with Shaw while I was working for Duke to
- 4 understand what they were doing to try to improve
- 5 that.
- Q. So is it fair to say that you already felt
- that you were pretty informed about what was going on
- 8 as far as the progress of construction when you were
- 9 hired?
- 10 A. Yes, for two reasons. One, because Duke
- 11 was pursuing a license and eventually building a
- 12 plant and actually doing -- was doing some
- 13 preconstruction work on our site, demolition, plus
- 14 the fact that through the AP1000 working group, it
- 15 was a pretty close relationship and good sharing of
- 16 information between the five utilities I mentioned,
- 17 in particular from SCANA and Vogtle, as to what was
- 18 going on with their projects because those were the
- 19 lead projects.

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- 20 Q. When you were at Duke, did the senior
- 21 management at Duke -- were you part of senior
- 22 management at Duke at the time that you left Duke?
- 23 A. I -- well, Duke was a larger company than
- 24 SCANA, so many more layers in there. I reported to
- 25 the chief nuclear officer, who reported to the CEO.

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- Q. You were involved while you were at Duke 2 in the discussions Duke was having about whether to move forward on an AP1000 reactor, correct?
- A. To some degree. There was still
- discussions that occurred above me that I was not
- 6 privy to, and -- but yeah, I mean, about the same
- types of discussions that I was involved in at SCANA.
- Q. In those discussions that you had with
- management at Duke about whether to move forward with
- an AP1000 reactor, were there any discussions about 10
- Duke not wanting to deal with the issues of being a
- first-of-a-kind project?
- 13 A. Not that I recall. I, you know, and every
- utility, the two that were building -- Duke, 14
- Progress -- you know, had different timelines for 15
- when they were going to get their license from the 16
- 17 NRC.
- 18 Vogtle and V.C. Summer were the lead
- 19 license applications with the NRC. Although Duke had
- submitted an application, those two were taking 20
- 21 priority with the NRC. They were going to be issued
- 22 first.
- 23 So just from that perspective, Duke wasn't
- 24 going to have a license in the same time frame.
- 25 And the licensing process with the NRC,

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- 1 since that was first of a kind, also, not only pushed
- 2 out the two lead utilities' licenses and delay those,
- but it delayed the Duke license, the FP&L license,
- the Progress licenses.
- 5 Q. Did FP&L submit a license as well?
- A. They did.
- Q. You're referring to Fluor?
- 8 A. No, Florida Power and Light.
- 9 Q. Florida?
- 10 Yeah.
- 11 Q. You mentioned the COL for V.C. Summer
- being delayed. Do you have any knowledge of why COL 12
- 13 was delayed?
- 14 A. I did at the time, but honestly, I don't
- 15 remember. I mean, again, part of it was the
- 16 regulatory process was a new one. The NRC was
- 17 working through just exactly what they needed to
- accomplish to be able to sign off and approve the 18
- 19 license.
- 20 And then the NRC has five commissioners
- that oversee the NRC, and the chair was a person that
- was a little bit of an obstructionist, I guess I
- 23 would say, in getting a license issued at that time.
- 24 Q. So what position were you hired at on the
- V.C. Summer project?

#### Vice president of new nuclear operations.

- Q. And who had held that position before you?
- 3 A. It had a different title before me, but
- 4 Ron Clary was the person that held that position
- 5 earlier and kind of led the project team through the
- licensing phase for the plant.
- 7 Q. And did you overlap with Mr. Clary on the
- 8 project?
- 9 A. I did for about -- I guess it was two
- months. 10
- 11 Q. To your knowledge, if you have any, why
- did Mr. Clary leave the project?
- Because he was older than me. 13
- 14 Q. He was ready to retire?
- 15 He was ready to retire. Yeah.
- 16 Ron had done a good job with the licensing
- process. When I stepped in, again, the title 17
- changed. Parts of the job remained the same, meaning
- the licensing part, but I also picked up the part of
- not only the -- overseeing the construction project
- but also putting together the organization that would
- eventually operate and maintain the plant.
- 23 That, up until that point in time, had
- 24 been reporting directly to Jeff Archie, but with me
- 25 coming on board, it started reporting to me.

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- Q. What was the title of the position under 1
- 2 Mr. Clary?
- 3 For his position?
- 4 Q. Correct.
  - A. I think it was vice president of new
- 6 nuclear development or something to that effect.
  - Q. And I want to just understand the
- differences, to your knowledge, of his position and
- yours. 9

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- 10 Is the only difference that the -- the
- 11 operational effort was added to your job title?
- 12 A. Correct. So two major functions that I
- 13 had was, one, the construction project; two, the
- 14 organization that's now going to have to operate it
- 15 once it's complete. So those are operators, 16 maintenance technicians, engineers, lots of different
- responsibilities, chemistry technicians, health
- physics, that sort of thing. 18
- 19 You can't just build a plant and then a
- 20 couple weeks before you finish it go hire all those
- people because in the nuclear world, training and
- 22 licensing an operator, for example, takes years. So
- 23 you have to project when you might be finished and
- 24 when do I want to hire those folks in, develop the
- 25 training materials, make sure you got classroom

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1 space, for example. Operators have to be tested and 2 licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. So 3 it's a very involved process.

It's a little bit easier in the 5 nonoperations roles, but still, the training that's 6 given to a maintenance technician, health physics 7 technician is very extensive. It typically encompasses a year and a half or more.

Q. To your knowledge, who made the decision 10 to add the operational start-up duties to your position along with the construction duties?

A. I -- well, I don't know who made the final 13 decision. I know that that had been decided before I started there, that that was what was going to 15 happen.

Q. And you were told that before you started?

A. Yes.

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18 Did that give you any concern that you 19 would be responsi- -- or overseeing not only 20 construction, but also overseeing the setup of the 21 operational efforts?

23 that I spent at Oconee that I mentioned earlier as the vice president there. I was responsible for

A. No. In many ways, it was like the time

overseeing the reconstruction of Oconee and at the

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1 Oconee?

2 A. It was certainly bigger, but many of the same principles involved.

4 I don't want to overplay nor underplay the 5 effort on Oconee, but you don't just decide one day 6 I'm going to replace steam generators and reactor 7 heads and then you do it the next week. So there is fabrication that's got to occur. 9 In this case for Oconee, these were

10 first-of-a-kind designs for new reactor heads and new 11 steam generators. So the fabricators that existed in 12 Canada for the steam generators, Korea for the 13 reactor heads, this was new work that they were doing 14 that we had to monitor, very similar to what we had 15 to do on V.C. Summer with components that were being 16 built.

17 We had folks out in the field, in some 18 cases full-time residents assigned to some of those 19 fabrication facilities; in other cases, periodic 20 visits we would send. Both quality control folks out 21 to look at it. Also management, engineering folks, 22 that sort of thing. So the principles were basically 23 the same. 24 There really wasn't a significant

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Page 57 1 same time operating three 900-megawatt reactors

2 safely. Hiring in operators. As you know, attrition 2 difference was we weren't operating Summer yet. I occurred. Many of the same responsibilities. was operating Oconee.

Q. Do you know how many individuals were involved in the construction at Oconee?

A. Oh, that occurred back in the early '70s.

That was a much smaller number.

Well, I don't know on construction.

9 Operating initially was a smaller number.

10 Construction back then was, again, very different

11 than construction nowadays in that you filed with the

12 NRC a very basic license which said, "Here's what

we're going to build." They issued a permit to build

it. They monitored that as it went along. As

technical issues came up, the NRC might raise them

16 during the construction. You might have to change

17 something then. And then at the end, you had to get

18 the operating license.

19 So it was a very, very different process, you know, 30 or 40 years ago than it is now. 20

21 Q. Well -- and the point that I was going to 22 raise with you, and I'll just kind of set it up for

23 you, is that wasn't the construction effort on

24 V.C. Summer a much more mammoth construction effort

25 than the maintenance effort that you oversaw on

1 Oconee and the responsibilities at Summer. The

25 difference in my mind between the responsibilities at

But if you go back and just look at the 4 construction, while you might -- I don't disagree

6 that building a two-unit nuclear plant from the

ground up physically is more work than rebuilding an

8 existing three-unit plant because you're not

9 replacing everything there, but the principles don't

change between how you manage and provide oversight

11 for those projects.

12 Q. During your time on the V.C. Summer 13 project, can you give an estimate as to how much of 14 your time was spent devoted to the construction 15 efforts versus the amount of time that was spent getting the operational side set up?

17 A. Well, it's tough for me just to give you a

18 number --

19 Q. Right.

20 A. -- because as time went by, my focus might

21 have to change from week to week, month by month,

22 from one to the other a little bit more. But, again,

23 that's why I had an entire organization working for

24 me, to provide the construction side, the oversight

25 of construction, licensing part, the engineering

#### Page 58 Page 60 1 oversight. And most of the business finance was 2 And then another part of my organization 2 looking at the new -- the new -- the construction 3 with a senior leader driving the staffing of and part, basically. And then I had a separate manager 4 hiring folks, training new operators, that sort of 4 that reported to me that oversaw the operational thing. 5 side. 6 Q. And who was your lead direct report 6 Q. And who was that? 7 heading up the construction effort? 7 A. Dave Levine, and he had a number of A. Alan Torres was the general manager of managers reporting to him. construction, but I also had managers on that same 9 And who did you report to during your time 10 side reporting to me that covered engineering. There on the project? 11 was a general manager of engineering, a manager of Α. Jeff Archie. 12 Did you have any responsibilities with 12 licensing, business manager, performance improvement manager, and quality control manager. 13 respect to V.C. Summer Unit 1? 13 14 14 None. Q. What did you say before quality control? 15 A. Business manager. 15 Q. Did Mr. Archie oversee Unit 1 as well? 16 Q. And you said a performance improvement 16 17 So were you the highest-ranking manager 17 manager? 18 whose duties were exclusively devoted to Units 2 18 A. Performance improvement, yeah. 19 Q. And each of those individuals reported 19 directly to you; they didn't report to Mr. Torres? 20 20 21 A. Correct. 21 Q. Were you involved in the schedule 22 Q. Who was your engineering manager? reassessment that SCE&G presented to the PSC in 2012? 22 23 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 23 A. Brad Stokes. 24 24 THE WITNESS: Can you restate your Q. That was your whole time on the project? 25 A. Yes. 25 question? Page 59 Page 61 1 BY MR. COX: 1 Q. And Mr. Torres was your construction Q. Sure. In 2012, SCE&G presented to the PSC general manager your whole time on the project? 3 a new schedule for the project that was approved with A. Correct. 4 Q. Who was your business manager? 4 extended substantial completion dates. I was A. Skip Smith. wondering if you recall if you were involved in that. Q. And who was your licensing manager? 6 A. I was not. Again, I started in July of 7 A. April Rice. 7 2012. 8 Q. And your quality control manager? Q. Can you describe generally what efforts 8 A. Larry Cunningham for the majority of the 9 you made when you got to the project to get familiar 10 time. At the very end, a new quality control manager 10 with the status of the project at that time? came in, but Larry Cunningham for the vast majority 11 A. Well, a lot of it was boots on the ground. 12 of the time I was there. 12 I mean, first meeting my staff, understanding our 13 Q. And the performance manager? 13 capabilities. At that time, it was Westinghouse and 14 A. Roosevelt Word. 14 Shaw. Shaw was the constructor. Meeting those 15 Q. And all of those six direct reports were 15 folks, understanding their capabilities, what they 16 involved in the construction effort; is that correct? 16 were working on. 17 17 A. Primarily the construction effort. That's It was a -- typically like any other new 18 job. You're on a steep learning curve for the first 18 correct. 19 couple of months until you figure out who does what 19 Q. You say "primarily." Were they also 20 and how things are working, and then things become a 20 involved in the operational? 21 A. Well, the reason I say that is Roosevelt 21 little more integrated, I guess I would say, after 22 Word for performance improvement, for example, not 22 that. 23 Q. Did you reach any conclusions about the 23 only looked at things going on in the construction 24 side but also the operational side, licensing, 24 health of the project in those first couple months? 25 25 engineering, the construction. MR. CHALLY: Object to form.

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1	MR. MITCHELL: Same.	1	delivery, or was it one or the other?
2	THE WITNESS: No conclusions, no.	2	A. You can't really separate the two. So if
3	I mean, I was I mentioned earlier that	3	you're fabricating something and you've got a quality
4	while at Duke, I was aware of some of the	4	problem that you've got to correct, it's probably
5	challenges with module fabrication and the	5	going to impact your delivery date. The modules are
6	start-up of that facility in Louisiana. So the	6	engineered modules.
7	fact that they were still trying to work through	7	If you looked at a picture of one, you
8	some challenges there was not a surprise to me.	8	know, to an outsider, they look pretty simple. It's
9	BY MR. COX:	9	steel plate. Most of them are two pieces of steel
10	Q. What were the nature of those challenges?	10	plate separated by a couple feet and then structural
11	A. Well, again, this that I'll go back	11	steel and other things in between to hold the plates
12	to what I said before. These plants were	12	apart, allow penetrations through the walls for
13	first-of-a-kind plants, very unique designs. The	13	piping and things like that. Looks very, very
14	whole concept of modular construction was new.	14	simple. But the tolerances with which you have to be
15	Existing plants in the United States had never done	15	able to manufacture those are very, very tight. A
16	that before.		
1		16	lot of welding involved. A lot of heat involved,
17	The plants that were charged with	17	which warps metal. Dissimilar metal welding that has
18	constructing those modules off site were start-up	18	to occur between stainless steel and carbon steel.
19	facilities also. The whole at that time, it was	19	So they are very, very complicated
20	called SMS, Shaw Modular Solutions, in Lake Charles,	20	engineered pieces for this plant. So just the nature
21	Louisiana. That did not exist prior to the AP1000s	21	of the design is is challenging to begin with.
22	being built. So that was a facility that Shaw built	22	The fact that Shaw had some quality problems on the
23	to fabricate those modules.	23	front end was another challenge on top of that.
24	Shaw had some problems with getting those	24	Q. What efforts did SCE&G make to address the
<mark>25</mark>	facilities started up, which I talked about a little	<mark>25</mark>	issues with respect to module fabrication and
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1 have improved as rapidly as they did.

> Now, did they get to the point where they were perfect? Certainly not. But there were

improvements over time, but yet there was still 5

- continuing challenges which we would have loved
- to have seen resolved earlier.
- 7 BY MR. COX:

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- Q. And did those challenges in that area,
- 9 module fabrication/delivery, did those exist all the
- way until the abandonment of the project?
- A. To a great degree, that would be true. I
- mean, that was the reason for changes in schedule,
- 13 primarily tied back to modules, not just a particular
- 14 set of modules, but there were a number of large
- 15 structural modules in the nuclear island.
- There was also a shield building that
- 17 surrounded the containment vessel. Those were
- particular challenges there that impacted schedule.
- Q. These steps that you mentioned that SCE&G 20 took, would you classify those steps as mitigation 21 efforts?
- 22 And let me step back. Can you define what 23 a "mitigation effort" is, to your knowledge?
- 24 A. Well, so one way --

But go ahead.

question.

MR. CHALLY: Object to the form of the

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1 raw material in on time? Do they have enough people?

Q. So is it fair to say that a mitigation

3 effort is a step to have an event occur when it is

4 scheduled to so that the schedule does not get

A. It can be used to refer to that.

Q. Is there any other way in which you're

O. These steps that you are referring to that

A. Some of those were in place when I arrived

familiar with it being used in nuclear construction?

A. No. That's generally how it's used.

11 SCE&G took with respect to module fabrication and

13 arrived on the project, or did you -- were those

16 on the project. As time went on, we used more

17 full-time residents at the module suppliers than we

20 about a person that worked for us, reported back to

22 full week at that facility, monitoring what was going

on in all aspects of whatever it was that facility

us, basically lived where the facility was, worked a

So everything from are they getting the

So by "full-time resident," I'm talking

14 implemented after you arrived?

were on the very beginning.

was manufacturing.

12 delivery, were those steps already in place when you

- 2 Is their quality control doing what the quality
- 3 control is supposed to be doing? Are they keeping an
- 4 accurate projection of when completion of certain
- activities is going to occur? And that sort of
- 6 thing.

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- Q. When did those efforts start?
- 8 A. I don't remember exactly. If -- we may
- 9 have already had a resident at SMS in Louisiana when
- 10 I got there. If it wasn't then, it was shortly
- 11 after, but I don't remember exactly.
- 12 Q. And you may not be able to answer this due
- 13 to your time frame, but do you know when SCE&G became
- 14 aware that construction module fabrication/delivery
- 15 was becoming an issue?
- 16 A. I can't say because, again, it was prior
- 17 to me arriving there.
- Q. You mentioned earlier the term "critical 18
- 19 path." Can you explain what that means?
- 20 A. Well, I mean, the best explanation, the
- 21 simple explanation is like I gave you with a house.
- 22 If -- if your brick work has to be done by a certain
- 23 day so that rest of the housing activities can occur
- 24 and it can be delivered to the buyer when it was
- 25 promised, that's a critical path activity.

THE WITNESS: One way to look at a

mitigation effort is what are you talking about when you talk about mitigation?

So if I'm talking about, gee, I'm building a house -- let's just keep it simple -- and all of a sudden, my bricklayer doesn't show up the day I need him, and that's -- critical path is getting the bricks up. And he shows up two days later, but he didn't bring my more people with

I'm going to suggest to him, "You get some more people and help mitigate so that you can hold that end date constant for the brick work." So that's a mitigation effort.

You know, another mitigation might be, well, you have a bricklayer that's -- that needs some -- some not just worker help, but some leadership help there. They need to run two shifts, and so they need somebody on back shift along with the workers to be able to supervise them. That's a mitigation effort because you want to, again, try to stay on that same

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#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 72 Page 70 On the other hand, landscaping for your 1 to the completion date of the project? 2 house is probably not going to be critical path A. Well, worker productivity was a challenge. 3 because you can pretty much do that any time as you 3 I'm trying to think, was there -- I mean, 4 approach completion, and it's a fairly simple 4 the biggest one was modules. That was the biggest 5 activity, too. You've got a plan already, and you 5 reason for -- for the delays. That was the 6 just need to get a couple guys in there for a couple 6 biggest -- one of the big reasons for in 2015 going 7 days and put some bushes and trees in the ground. 7 before the Commission and pushing the completion Q. Is it fair to say that the critical path dates out. 9 is the path that is driving the completion date? MR. MITCHELL: Are we at a stopping point 10 It's driving the completion date. That's 10 any time soon? 11 correct. 11 MR. COX: Absolutely. Let's go off the 12 And is it fair to say that if something 12 record. 13 occurs that delays an event on the critical path, 13 VIDEOGRAPHER: Off record at 10:15 a.m. then that will cause an effect on the schedule 14 (A recess transpired from 10:15 a.m. until 15 completion date? 15 10:30 a.m.) 16 Not necessarily. 16 VIDEOGRAPHER: On record at 10:30 a.m. Α. 17 Why is that? 17 BY MR. COX: 18 You may have an opportunity for activities 18 Q. Mr. Jones, we're back on the record. that come under -- after that particular activity to 19 Before the break, we had been discussing issues that shorten their duration or rearrange them and work arose during the life of the project that affected 21 some of those in parallel. 21 the critical path of the project. 22 Q. Would that be mitigation effort? 22 You had mentioned fabrication/delivery of 23 It's a mitigation effort. And the types 23 modules as one issue; is that correct? of efforts we're talking about here for a nuclear 24 A. Correct. construction project are no different than the 25 Q. Was the fabrication and delivery of shield Page 73 Page 71 1 philosophy and the tools you use at an operating 1 building panels another issue that affected the nuclear plant when you're shut down in a refueling 2 critical path on the project? 3 A. Yes. They are really modules also, but outage, for example. If you've got a 30-day outage schedule and 4 they're typically talked about separately from the there is something that either doesn't complete on 5 five big modules that make up the nuclear island. 6 time or an unexpected problem that pops up during 6 These are a little bit different design that refueling outage that's impacting your critical 7 than those. These are actually an enclosure around path, the mode you go into then is "Well, what can I 8 the containment vessel, whereas the other modules do to reduce the duration of those activities 9 we're talking about are typically large structural afterwards and still stay on that same completion 10 rooms, tanks, things like that. 11 date?" 11 Q. And the shield building panels were 12 Sometimes you can work out mitigation. 12 fabricated at Newport News; is that correct?

13 Sometimes you can't.

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Q. Would increasing productivity be one step

to shorten the time frame on an event that occurs

16 later in the critical path?

It could be.

18 Q. I think you said earlier -- and I just

19 want to confirm -- that the module fabrication and

20 delivery issue was an issue that was a critical path

21 issue that affected the completion date of the

22 project; is that correct?

23 A. It -- yes. Yeah.

Q. To your recollection, what other issues

 $^{25}$  arose during the project that -- that created changes  $^{25}$  folks, things like that. We also had our quality

A. Newport News Industrial.

14 Q. Commonly referred to as "NNI"; is that

15 correct?

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16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Do you know if SCE&G ever sent an observer

18 to that location?

A. We did.

20 Q. Do you recall when that was?

A. Well, we had a resident there for a period

22 of time. We made a number of management visits to

23 all of the module fabrication facilities: Myself;

24 Alan Torres, my engineering manager; quality control

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- 1 folks go out periodically on checks at these 2 facilities.
- So it wasn't -- we didn't -- again, we
- 4 didn't just stand back and say, "You're late on
- 5 delivery." We wanted to keep our eyes on things, see
- 6 when problems were occurring, try to understand what
- 7 those particular module manufacturers were doing to
- 8 correct those problems, provide our observations if
- $^{9}\,$  we thought there was another thing they could do to
- 10 help improve, that sort of thing. So it was a pretty
- 11 active relationship on our part.
- 12 Q. These steps that you took, the having
- 13 residents at these facilities and conducting site
- 14 visits, is it fair to say those events occurred, but
- 15 you don't remember exactly what time period they
- 16 began?
- 17 A. I can't give you a time frame. I mean,
- 18 just -- I don't have my notes from my five years
- 19 there as to when we started doing certain things, so
- 20 I can't tell you.
- Q. Did you keep any -- do you have any notes
- 22 still in your possession from your work on the
- 23 project?

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- A. No. I mean, the same thing applied to me
- 25 as everyone else there, which was basically walk away

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1 from everything and leave it as it was in your office

MR. SMITH: Excuse me. This is Emory

- or your cubicle or whatever.
- 4 Smith. I'm going to have to get off the line.
- 3 Simili. This going to have to get on the line.
- Wesley Vorberger will be substituting for me,
- 6 V-O-R-B-E-R-G-E-R.
- 7 Sorry for the interruption.
- 8 MR. COX: No problem. Thank you, Emory.
- 9 BY MR. COX:
- 10 Q. You mentioned productivity as being an
- 11 issue at the project as well; is that correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Can you describe how that was an issue?
- 14 A. Well, in general terms, I could describe
- 15 it as if you made an estimate to do a piece of work
- 16 and you said, "I need ten people for a week," and I'm
- 17 going to assume that they're working X number of
- 18 hours that week, and here's my assumptions for how
- 10 Hours that week, and here's my assumptions for now
- 19 much work they can get done per hour. If they meet
- 20 that expectation, then -- that's good product -- I
- 21 mean, that's what you expect as far as productivity.

25 there's some decrease in productivity which you then

- 22 If for some reason they accomplish more
- 23 than you expected, then that's good too. If they
- 24 don't accomplish as much as you expected, then
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- 1 have to understand, well, what's causing that
- decrease.
- Q. And is it fair to say that during the life
- $^{\rm 4}\,$  of the project, the productivity was not at the level
- 5 that SCE&G anticipated at the time of the EPC
- 6 contract?

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- MR. CHALLY: Object to the form.
- THE WITNESS: I don't know what SCE&G
- $^{9}$  anticipated at the time of the EPC contract. I
  - wasn't there.
- 11 BY MR. COX:
  - Q. Are you familiar with the term
- 13 "performance factor" or "PF"?
  - A. I am informed what the basic term, yes.
- Q. And can you explain what that means?
  - A. So performance factor of 1 basically
- 17 says -- I said that -- I'll just go back to my
- 18 previous example. I had X number of people working
- <sup>9</sup> for a week. Here's what they were supposed to
- 20 accomplish in that week.
  - If that matches up with my original
- 22 projection, then it's a PF of 1. I got the expected
- 23 productivity out of them. If it's less than 1, that
- means they got it done quicker.
- 25 If it's more than 1, it means there was a

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- delay for some reason. It may have been -- to a
- 2 number of different things. It may have been, well,
- 3 they got to a certain stage of the work that they
- 4 were doing and now a part wasn't available to
- 5 complete the work, which caused the delay. They had
- 6 to go figure out how to get that part or make that
- 7 part or whatever, and that wasn't something that was
  - originally projected.
- 9 It could be that -- that you make certain
- 10 assumptions for how productive workers can be. For
- 11 example, one of the terms that's not just used in the
- 12 nuclear industry but a lot of industries would be
- 13 "wrench time." And, basically, that's saying how
- many -- what percent of time that a person is working
- are they actually, physically doing the work.
  - So if it's a person installing rebar in a
- 17 nuclear plant, what percentage of the time during the
- day are they physically going to have hands on rebar
- 19 and actually being accomplishing work?
- It's not 100 percent. So there's start-up
- time at the beginning of the shift. There's some
- 22 shut-down time at the end of the shift to put
- everything in a safe condition. There's time for
- 24 breaks. There's times -- time for lunch.
  - In the nuclear industry, there's a lot of

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- paperwork that's involved with literally every
- activity that goes on in a construction site, or an
- operating plant for that matter. So there's
- paperwork that has to be filled out.
- Well, you're not doing hands-on wrench
- 6 time during that. So it's impossible for a worker to
- 7 have a -- you know, if there are 8 hours a day
- 8 scheduled and have -- that they'll have 8 hours of
- 9 wrench time.

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- More typical, in the nuclear industry,
- especially for craft, is 30 to 35 percent of their
- time will be wrench time because of all these other
- things I just mentioned that are going to occur on a
- daily basis. The paperwork, for example, is going to
- I was a state of the perfect that the state of the general
- make it such that you can't just start your day,
- 6 wrench time 100 percent throughout.
- 17 Q. Is it correct to say that SCE&G, in
- 18 entering into the EPC contract, there was a certain
- level of productivity that was assumed in calculating
- 20 the cost of the project?
- MR. CHALLY: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: I can't say. I was not
- there when the EPC contract was negotiated.
- 24 BY MR. COX:
- Q. In your experience on the project, what

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- 1 does a PF of 1.0 mean?
- A. It means if you projected -- an example
- 3 would be if I project that it's going to take
- 4 10 people 40 hours apiece to install X hundred feet
- 5 of piping, if that comes true, that's a PF of 1. If
- 6 it takes them less time, PF's below 1. If it takes
- $^{7}\,$  them more time, PF's above 1. I'm not assuming it's
- 8 100 percent wrench time for those folks.
- 9 Q. And in your experience on the project, the
- 10 PF of 1, where is the -- where is the basis for
- 11 determining that that was the level that was
- 12 expected?
- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what you mean,
- 15 "the basis for determining that that's what was
- 16 expected."
- 17 BY MR. COX:
- Q. So is it fair to say that during your time
- 19 on the project, the PF was constantly above 1.0?
- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 22 BY MR. COX:
- Q. And what I'm trying to get at is that 1.0,
- 24 is that based on -- that calculation of what the
- 25 expectations are for the productivity on the project,

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- was that established in the EPC contract, or someother basis?
- A. Again, I was not there when the EPC
- $^{\rm 4}\,$  contract was negotiated, so I don't know what
- <sup>5</sup> discussions occur -- occurred at that time.
- 6 Q. And I understand that. But during your
- 7 experience later on the project, after the EPC
- 8 contract when you're looking at just -- this is just
- <sup>9</sup> a hypothetical, but let's see -- let's say you see a
- 10 **PF of 2.0.**
- 11 Would you agree that that indicates that
- 12 productivity is -- is half what it was supposed to
- 13 be?

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- MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- MR. CHALLY: Same.
- THE WITNESS: So if you -- if you've
- assumed a certain PF and you don't achieve that,
- it could be due to a number of reasons. Could
- have been that all your assumptions were bad to
- begin with, not that the workers weren't doing
- what they were capable of doing.
- 22 BY MR. COX:
- Q. And I understand that. I just wanted to
- 24 establish the basis for what 1.0 was on the project,
- 25 if you know.

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- A. I don't know. And I'm not sure what you'd
- 2 be referring to, saying -- that would say a basis of
- 3 1.0 was what was established.
- 4 1.0 to me implies that a perfect job has
- 5 been done in estimating the work, recognizing the
- 6 true amount of wrench time, recognizing the number of
- 7 folks that would be required. That rarely happens in
- 8 an operating nuclear plant.
- 9 Q. I understand. And I just want to get an
- 10 understanding of that estimate that establishes the
- 11 basis of a 1.0 PF, what document that was established
- 12 in in the project, if you know.
  - A. I don't know.
- Q. So when you heard that there was a PF of
- 15 1.40, what was your understanding as to, say, what
- 16 that meant?

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- 17 A. It meant that whatever assumptions you had
- 18 made in projecting the work -- if you projected the
- 19 work was going to take -- was going to be a 1.4 and
- 20 you accomplished that 1.4, okay, you accomplished
- 21 what you projected.
- 22 If you project it was going to be a 1.15
- 23 and it took -- it was 1.4 instead, then something had
- 24 changed. Either something was either wrong in your
- 25 assumptions or something happened during the

#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 82 Page 84 1 execution that caused that to happen, or a 1 \$12. And whether it -- it takes -- over the next 2 combination of the two. 2 week as you're making them, if your costs go up or Q. Did productivity issues or lack of 3 whatever, doesn't matter. You've already promised me 4 productivity affect the critical path of the schedule 4 \$12. There's no escalation involved. 5 of the project? Firm, there's escalation involved. It's 6 \$12, but it's going to take a year. So over that A. Well, yeah, I'd have to go back and look. 7 I mean, the reason I'm saying that is it could or it 7 year, there's going to be this much escalation that's couldn't. 8 going to be projected, and you might tie it back to 9 some financial or industry index to determine what So if -- if your critical path was being 10 that is. 10 driven by modules being late, for example, then other 11 work that might have been run at a 1.4 PF may not "T&M" is the other extreme which basically 12 says, "You're going to do 5 hours of work. I'm going have intruded on the critical path because the 13 critical path had been pushed by modules delivery, 13 to pay you \$5 an hour for that 5 hours of work." 14 for example. 14 Target is T&M, but you've got a target 15 Q. What steps did SCE&G take to attempt to 15 built in there. So there's a lot of ways you can 16 increase the productivity level on the project? 16 structure that. There may be some incentive that if 17 17 you bring it in under what your projection was, there MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 18 THE WITNESS: Well, one thing, we 18 may be some financial reward to you. If you bring it certainly gave feedback to Westinghouse and the 19 in over your financial projection as far as how many 20 20 hours it takes, there may be some penalty to you. constructor at that time was whether or not they 21 were meeting expectations. And now, they're 21 But a lot of different ways that can be structured. 22 smart people. They either knew they were or 22 Q. And the EPC had all of those categories of 23 weren't meeting their projections. But we would 23 cost components, correct? 24 give additional feedback, and we would give also 24 A. Correct. 25 25 our observations, if we had some, as to why we Q. And, to your knowledge, does a higher or a Page 83 Page 85 thought that was happening. We would also 1 worse PF factor, does that increase the cost of the 1 2 provide suggestions on how they might correct 2 project? 3 that. 3 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. BY MR. COX: 4 MR. MITCHELL: Same. O. Is productivity level an issue that you 5 THE WITNESS: Well, it depends. So, for felt was in the consortium's control and not SCE&G's 6 example, towards the latter stages of the control? 7 project, we negotiated with Westinghouse and A. It was in their control, and it was in 8 then elected to implement a fixed-price option 9 their responsibility also for the EPC. 9 to complete the project. That means they were 10 Q. And how was that reflected in the EPC? 10 going to complete the project for that price, 11 A. The EPC was the contract with us that 11 period, no matter how long it took or what the 12 said, "We're going to deliver you two new nuclear 12 PF was or how many people they needed. units. Here's the pricing that goes with it. Here's 13 BY MR. COX: 14 the schedule that goes with it." Q. And that's a good point. I'm referring to 15 Q. Did you become familiar with the different 15 before the exercise of that option when there was 16 cost components of the EPC during your time on the still target and TM and fixed pricing. 16 17 17 project? Do you know if a lower level of 18 18 productivity increased the cost of the -- of A. At a senior leadership level, meaning I 19 was not a financial expert. completing the project? 20 20 Q. And do you know the difference between the MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 21 "firm fixed" and "target price" category? 21 THE WITNESS: You know, I'd have to go

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24 BY MR. COX:

Q. Can you describe those differences?

A. So a fixed price is basically you're

25 telling me you're going to deliver 12 widgets for

A. Yes.

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back and look at notes, and I don't have those

Okay. What was your role as far as

notes to look at. I'm sorry.

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- 1 oversight of the schedule for completion on the 2 project?
- A. So, again, in my organization, Al Torres's 4 part as the general manager of construction had a number of folks within his organization that monitored actual work on site, monitored where the

consortium was on the schedule.

- 8 So our responsibility was to keep track of that. And if the schedule was slipping, if a 10 milestone was missed, for example -- "milestone" meaning on this day, we're going to accomplish this one significant piece of work that's going to 13 complete or whatever -- then we were immediately
- 15 Typically, on milestones, it wasn't like 16 it was a surprise if they missed it on that day because we may have seen the problem earlier that was 17 18 causing a delay for whatever reason.
- 19 Q. Would you ever become aware of the impact on the schedule of a milestone date being missed? 20
- 21 A. Can you repeat the question?
- 22 Q. Sure. If a milestone date was missed on
- 23 the schedule, would you become informed, generally,
- about the effect that that would have on the overall
- schedule of the project?

aware of that.

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- A. We would be informed, and we would also 2 know because we're tracking the schedule that the 3 consortium says they're working to independently. 4 And if we see a milestone missed or something slip,
- 5 then in some cases, it may not impact the overall 6 schedule. In other cases, it might. And then the
- question then is, what kind of mitigation are we
- going to do to recover that?
- Q. And how were those discussions conducted 10 with the consortium regarding mitigation efforts?
- 11 A. Not sure. What do you mean, "how they 12 were -- how were they conducted"? I'm not sure I 13 understand what you're asking.
- 14 Q. Yeah. Was there -- was there periodic 15 meetings with the consortium to go over schedule 16 updates, or were these a type of not-scheduled 17 meetings where you would have a, like a focus meeting 18 about something that was happening with the schedule?
- 19 A. Yeah. So the answer to that would be yes 20 to both of those.
- 21 There were standing meetings we had with 22 consortium. We had a monthly project review meeting,
- 23 for example, which we led. Had members from
- 24 Westinghouse, members from the constructor -- both
- 25 senior management down to field-level superintendents

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- 1 in some cases -- to report out on the particular 2 status of activities.
- 3 We reviewed milestones in that meeting,
- 4 projected milestones. So there would be discussions
- 5 in that meeting around milestones: If they were made
- 6 on time, if they were done early, if they were
- missed, questions about what are we doing to mitigate
- if mitigation is needed because they missed that
- 9 milestone.
- 10 There is also the day-to-day activities,
- 11 though. We set in the daily plan-of-the-day meeting
- 12 that the consortium held, a number of our
- 13 representatives -- from construction oversight,
- engineering, quality control -- to monitor what was
- being discussed at the leadership level. 15
- 16 This was a fairly large meeting, too. It
- wasn't just four or five leaders from the consortium. 17
- 18 It was typically probably 30 to 40 folks at that
- meeting each day. So down to field-level
- superintendents that could report out on the status
- 21 of current jobs.
- 22 So we would be in tune to which activities
- 23 are proceeding as we expected, which might be being
- done ahead of time, which might be slipping. We
- 25 follow up conversations on a daily basis with

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- 1 leadership in the consortium to talk about, "Well,
- 2 what are you doing to make up for this?"
- There might be a special meeting scheduled
- 4 as a result of a slip to discuss how they're going to
- recover from it, which we would be a part of. So
- 6 this was a continual process, a daily basis continual
- process in monitoring schedule, monitoring
- 8 milestones, providing feedback, voicing clear
- 9 concerns where they didn't meet our expectations; in
- some cases, making suggestions as to what they could
- 11 do, participating in their recovery meetings, things
- 12 like that.

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- Q. Are you familiar with the term
- "rebaselining" of a schedule?
  - A. Yes.
    - Q. And what does that mean?
- 17 A. I can't give you the exact definition
- 18 because I'm not a scheduling expert. But if you --
- 19 my understanding would be if we need to go back and
- 20 rebaseline a schedule, we kind of take where we are
- 21 in time now and try to figure out are we still on the
- 22 same track for completion? Is there something that
- 23 needs to change with respect to completion date or
- 24 with completion of certain activities? That sort of
- 25 thing.

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#### Page 90 Page 92 Q. And was that done at times during the 1 of the EPC? 2 2 project? MR. CHALLY: Object to form. A. Well, yeah. So in 2015, for example, when 3 THE WITNESS: Well, when you're talking 4 I testified in front of the Public Service Commission about a schedule for building something, more 5 that the schedule had been rebaselined, it resulted 5 information is always good. When you talk about a contractual 6 in a schedule change for the two units' completion. 6 7 arrangement with the consortium, the EPC doesn't 7 Q. And is it fair to say that rebaselining is when the schedule is really reviewed closely, kind of 8 require them to give us all that information. starting over, to be sure that the -- the information 9 There is information that they hold as 10 10 is up to date and accurate? proprietary, not obligated to give you by the 11 11 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. EPC. 12 THE WITNESS: Yes, because you wouldn't --12 There is -- there is some information that 13 for example, on a daily basis, if a milestone 13 Westinghouse would give us which would allow us 14 didn't occur, in fact, had occurred five days 14 some level of verification of what their 15 later, you don't automatically say, "Oh, our 15 schedule is, for example, but it wasn't all the 16 schedule slipped five days, our overall schedule 16 detail. We didn't have all the detail. 17 slipped five days" because there's mitigation 17 BY MR. COX: 18 opportunities. It's rare that you don't have 18 Q. And I understand your general point. My 19 mitigation opportunities, especially at the 19 question is a little more specific. 20 20 stage that we were in the project. In your position, you might not be able to 21 BY MR. COX: 21 come up with a specific answer, and if that's the 22 Q. Do you feel in your position on the case, that's fine. I just want to be sure that I project that the consortium was providing SCE&G with 23 establish this question -all the information that SCE&G needed to analyze the 24 A. Okay. 25 schedule on the project? Q. -- and get your position on it. Page 91 Page 93 MR. CHALLY: Objection. Objection. But is there any piece of information that 1 2 2 you would say that SCE&G needed to come up with a Do you have a time frame on that? 3 BY MR. COX: 3 better assessment of the accuracy of the schedule for Q. Throughout the project? the project that it couldn't get because of the EPC? 5 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 5 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 6 THE WITNESS: We were limited by the EPC 6 MR. MITCHELL: Same. 7 as to what Westinghouse was obligated to provide 7 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure how to answer 8 us. That's not unusual for an engineer to 8 that because, again, I'm kind of going back to 9 procure a construct contract. You're basing 9 what I said earlier: More information is always 10 signing that contract with an entity -- or, in 10 good, and we're not getting all the information. 11 this case, two entities that -- the two members 11 BY MR. COX: 12 of the consortium -- to provide a product. 12 Q. So what information -- I understand that 13 You're not directing their activities. 13 more information is good. What piece of information 14 You are not afforded access to all of their would you have liked to have had to feel like you 15 inside information as to how they're doing 15 would have had a better assessment of the consortium 16 business. 16 scheduling the project? 17 So we have some level of insight into the 17 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 18 schedules or projected cost, but Westinghouse 18 THE WITNESS: Well, if you kind of look at 19 provided and are obligated to provide those 19 it as a depth, here's the overall Level 1 20 20 critical path schedule. Here's the nuts and numbers and that information to us per the EPC. 21 That's what we contracted for them to do for us. 21 bolts down here. All the assumptions that were BY MR. COX: 22 made, all the data, we couldn't get all that Q. Is there any information that you feel 23 data. We got somewhere down in the pool, but that you needed to have a better assessment of the 24 not down to the bottom of the pool there.

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accuracy of the schedule that you didn't have because

So there was information that if you're

#### Page 94 Page 96 1 asking had we had that earlier, might that have If you make assumptions for productivity, 2 told us a different story on something, I guess you make assumptions for physically how many people 3 the answer would be yes. But, again, it wasn't you can fit in a room to put piping in, stuff like 4 information that we could access. that. Between you and I, we might come up with some 5 Again, we contracted with Westinghouse and different assumptions there based on our past 6 their consortium partner through the EPC to experience or just our assessment of whatever the 7 provide us schedule, provide us a cost, provide 7 challenge is. 8 certain things. But it didn't -- EPC did not So it's not like there's only one wrong or 9 right answer for how someone puts assumptions into a say, "Open all those books to the customer." 10 BY MR. COX: schedule. You try to use as much data as you can to 11 Q. And I will be asking you these questions develop that schedule. There's some industry data out there that you can use, but then you've got to about cost in a few minutes. Right now, I'm focused strictly on schedule. And I understand that you're 13 look at, for your particular project, what might be 13 the same as -- and accurately represented by the 14 saying there's data that SCE&G couldn't get. 15 Can you describe what that data is that industry data -- what might be unique to this 16 SCE&G could not get that would have helped it have a 16 project. better assessment of the accuracy of the consortium Q. Is it fair to say that SCE&G had access to 17 18 18 all of the historical data with respect to work on 19 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 19 the V.C. Summer project? 20 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. THE WITNESS: I'm not a scheduling expert, 20 21 so no, I can't describe specifically. But what 21 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what you mean 22 I'm trying to say is there's a level of 22 by "all the historical data." 23 BY MR. COX: 23 information that we did not have access to that 24 would have been beneficial throughout the Q. Let's take productivity for performance 25 25 factor as an example. project. Page 95 Page 97 1 If you have access to all of that SCE&G was aware of the historical 2 information that Westinghouse would use in their 2 performance factor on the project, correct? 3 schedule determination, all the assumptions that A. That's correct. Those numbers were were made, productivity factors, but beyond that 4 supplied to us by Westinghouse. just basic unit rates, how long does it take to Q. And SCE&G had information on the unit 6 install piping in a nuclear plant kind of thing, 6 rates being used by Westinghouse on the project, 7 how many people -- people hours do you need to 7 correct? 8 do 10 feet of piping, if we had all of those 8 A. I don't know that that's the case. 9 assumptions they had made, that would have been 9 Q. You don't know one way or the other? beneficial. We didn't get access to that until 10 10 A. My belief is we did not have access to 11 after their bankruptcy. 11 that. But, again, it's been a while, and I can't 12 BY MR. COX: 12 state that with certainty. 13 Q. And can you describe what information you But, again, unit rates are fairly received after Westinghouse's bankruptcy that you 14 critical, and I know that when we redid the schedule didn't have before? 15 after their bankruptcy, we basically started over on 16 Just what I was talking about, that lowest 16 unit rates in some cases. level of detail stuff, the bottom-line assumptions Can you go ahead and describe what that had been made and whether they would -- and then 18 occurred after Westinghouse's bankruptcy with respect 19 the same assumptions we would have made if we were to the analysis that your team did? doing the schedule work or not. 20 20 A. So there were two major things that my 21 The other thing, I guess, I would want to 21 team did. One was to go back and look at scheduling kind of focus on there is I use the term costs and, using the best data that we had and "assumptions" because there's not always one right or that -- and the data that Westinghouse was now making wrong answer with respect to information that you put available to us to figure out to complete one unit or into your schedule determination. two units, what that was going to look like.

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1	The other thing that my team was doing at	1	We used an outside two outside firms to
2	the same time was, again, with Westinghouse going	2	help provide industry expertise in scheduling,
3	bankrupt, the EPC contract evaporates. We'd either	3	putting together schedules, unit rates, assumptions,
4	have to get another prime contractor in or we'd have	4	things like that.
5	to direct the project ourselves.	5	It was it was an exhaustive effort over
6	So we started to put together a plan to	6	about a two, two-and-a-half-month, maybe even longer,
7	turn it into an owner-directed project, which would	7	period. I can't remember for sure.
8	mean my organization was going to change drastically.	8	Q. And what piece of information was it that
9	Many of the functions would still be there, but the	9	you had, SCE&G had, that it did not have earlier that
10	scope of responsibility for those functions would	10	showed that the schedule would be much longer than it
11	change, increase in many cases because we would be	11	was than you had believed before?
12	the ones giving the daily work direction. We would	12	MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
13	be the ones physically in charge of the project. We	13	MR. MITCHELL: Same.
14	would be the prime contractor, basically, and	14	THE WITNESS: In general, I categorize it
15	Westinghouse and Fluor and all the subcontractors	15	as that nuts-and-bolts lower level information
16	would be subs to us.	16	that were the basic assumptions that were made.
17	So those were the two things that we spent	17	BY MR. COX:
18	a number of months on putting together after the	18	Q. And what was the assumptions that really
19	Westinghouse bankruptcy.	19	drove that change in schedule that you realized in
20	Q. What did your analysis show on scheduling	20	2017?
21	costs?	21	A. I think it was a combination of
22	A. That schedule was going to push out, and	22	assumptions. And, honestly, I don't from a memory
23	cost was going to go up.	23	perspective, I can't give you a list of those.
24	Q. So is it correct that SCE&G did both a	24	Q. And how about from a cost perspective?
25	schedule analysis and a cost analysis?	25	Would your answer be the same on that?
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2	analyze the accuracy of the EAC provided by	2	A. You mean as far as work accomplished?
3	Westinghouse?	3	Q. Either work accomplished or projections in
4	A. So help me on the time period you're	4	the future.
5	talking about again. I'm sorry.	5	A. I don't know of any example of work
6	Q. I'm referring specifically to 2014, 2015.	6	accomplished that was represented inaccurately in the
7	From my review of the records, it appears like Skip	7	schedule. You know, we had concerns again, and
8	Smith and his team reviewed the Westinghouse EAC, and	8	I'll go back to PF that if they didn't
9	I'm wondering if you have any recollection of that.	9	Westinghouse made commitments on improving PF. If
10	MR. CHALLY: Object to form.	10	they didn't meet those commitments, then that was
11	THE WITNESS: My recollection is not clear	11	going to have some impact on the schedule.
12	on that.	12	Now, exactly what impact, you don't know
13	In discussions with my attorneys	13	because there's still a possibility, if they don't
14	BY MR. COX:	14	meet it, that mitigation or recovery actions could
15	Q. I don't you don't have to refer to	15	bring you back to where the schedule said you ought
16	those discussions.	16	to be. So it's not like a switch flips all of a
17	A. We have talked about a number of issues.	17	sudden and all of a sudden now it's impacted
18	But, again, a lot of that stuff happened so long ago	18	schedule.
19	and I don't have notes to refer to, so my	19	Q. And I appreciate that. I guess my
20	recollections are not clear.	20	question is: To your recollection and you may not
21	Q. Did you say earlier that both SCE&G and	21	have any recollection of this but was there any
22	Westinghouse were maintaining the schedule for the	22	instance where SCE&G looked at the schedule and said,
23	project?	23	"Hey, this is unrealistic. This event will not occur
24	MR. COX: Object to form.	24	at the time that you're saying on this schedule it is
25	THE WITNESS: No. Westinghouse owned the	25	going to occur, so we need to adjust the schedule"?
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#### Page 106 Page 108 1 BY MR. COX: A. I was halfway confused before, but now I'm Q. And you hit on the point that I wanted to 2 even more confused. get at, which is basically the point in time where it Okay. Was it a certainty that Westinghouse's schedule for the project could be met? becomes apparent that no further mitigation efforts will allow the event to be met in the time of the A. I'm not -- the reason I'm pausing is I schedule when it becomes no longer attainable. don't -- "certainty" is a very strong word. It's extremely strong. And my question is: Were there any instances where SCE&G said, "This schedule is no And I don't think you can apply that to longer valid because it suggests that this event any schedule for anything that has some level of -could still be met, this milestone can still be met, in this case, a very, very complicated series of 11 when that's no longer practical"? events. 12 12 A. I'm not aware of any time where we got to But even if I'm building a house for you, 13 that point. I didn't get to that point personally. 13 you better not have certainty when I tell you you can Q. Would Mr. Torres be a person who was more move in because otherwise, the moving van may be out 14 connected to that process than you? on the street for two weeks while you're waiting for 15 16 A. Again, he worked directly for me, and he 16 me to finish. 17 was responsible for construction oversight, so Alan 17 So it was an estimate; is that right? 18 certainly had insight into -- into the schedule and Any schedule is a best estimate on those all things related to construction. things that are known as to what's happened up till 20 now, what still needs to happen going forward, Q. What about Kyle Young? Did he also have a 21 role in that? assumptions that I'm going to make about how I'm 22 going to accomplish those. There's never a A. Kyle was a manager that worked for Alan, 100 percent certain schedule. 23 23 who was the general manager. 24 And so my question is: Given that, that Q. Would you agree that the schedule that was 25 it's not certain that it -- that those dates will be being maintained by Westinghouse for the project was 25 Page 107 Page 109 1 a best case scenario as far as completion of the realized, would you classify Westinghouse's schedule project? as a projection of what's most likely to happen, or 3 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. would you characterize it as if things go as planned, MR. MITCHELL: Same. this is the earliest that the project will be 4 5 THE WITNESS: What do you mean by "best completed? case"? A. Well, I viewed Westinghouse's schedule BY MR. COX: 7 being the product of their best effort, their best Q. That's a fair point. Let me kind of maybe work, their most knowledgeable people, to tell us when certain things are going to happen leading up to broaden it with some -- some other questions. 10 You would agree that the schedule being 10 the completion of the project. 11 maintained by Westinghouse was not guaranteed -- that 11 Q. Westinghouse never said that it could there was not 100 percent chance that that schedule 12 complete the project before the dates that it 12 13 could be met? provided you in this schedule; is that correct? 14 14 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 15 15 THE WITNESS: I don't recall them ever MR. COX: What's the basis for it? 16 MR. CHALLY: He said "quaranteed," and I 16 saying that. 17 don't know what you mean by "guaranteed," and 17 BY MR. COX: then you clarified it with "100 percent." 18 Q. So would it be fair to classify 18 19 I'm not sure which one you're referring 19 Westinghouse's schedule as an earliest that the 20 20 to. project could be completed date estimate? 21 BY MR. COX: 21 A. I wouldn't -- I wouldn't use that term. 22 Q. Do you understand that question, or was it 22 Again, I go back to what I just said is, I would 23 vague? 23 expect that their schedule would be their best 24 A. No. I'm totally confused now. 24 effort, based on what they know at that point in 25 25 time, to tell us when the project is going to Q. Okay.

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- 1 complete.
- Q. Do you know if Westinghouse's schedule
- 3 took into account the risks that mitigation
- 4 strategies would not be effective?
- 5 A. I can't -- I don't know what their risk
- 6 assumptions were.
- 7 Q. Are you aware of any QA -- quality
- assurance efforts that SCE&G did with respect to the
- 9 Westinghouse schedule prior to Westinghouse's
- 10 bankruptcy?
- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I guess I'm not clear
- exactly what you're asking there because you
- used the term "quality control" in there, which
- quality control is a particular function that
- describilities of school and
- doesn't look at schedule.
- 17 BY MR. COX:
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. It's looking at quality of work in the
- 20 field.

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- Q. That was probably an incorrect use of the
- 22 term. Let me rephrase it.
- A. Well, I'm used to using that term in one
- 24 sense, and I think you're maybe saying -- asking
- 25 something else.

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- Q. Did SCE&G take any efforts to verify the accuracy of Westinghouse's schedule prior to
- 3 Westinghouse's bankruptcy?
- MR. CHALLY: Same objection.
- THE WITNESS: We would look at the
  - information that was available to us and see if
- 7 that aligned with what they were telling us the
- 8 schedule should look like.
  - But, again, the information that was
- available to us was not all the information that
- 11 they used or assumed in developing that
- schedule.
- 13 BY MR. COX:
- 14 Q. Did you ever -- did SCE&G ever ask for
- 15 more information related to the schedule, and
- 16 Westinghouse denied that request saying it didn't
- 17 have to provide that information?
- A. Whether it was schedule or anything else
- 19 proprietary, we always asked. Sometimes we got some
- 20 things that maybe Westinghouse could have taken the
- 21 tack of saying, "Well, you're not entitled to that
- 22 for the EPC," but they may have given it to us
- 23 anyhow.
- Our relationship on site with Westinghouse
- 25 and the folks we worked with was fairly productive.

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- 1 They were open to our comments, our feedback.
- We had very open dialogue about issues.
- 3 The culture on our site was not -- and the function
- 4 of me and my team was not just to yell and scream at
- 5 Westinghouse for not meeting a milestone or getting
- 6 something done when they said they would.
- 7 We certainly gave them the feedback about
- 8 our displeasure, but at the same time, we wanted to
- 9 understand, well, why didn't you make it? Can you
- give us some insight? Can we give you some insight
- 11 into what you might want to do different?
- So when it comes to information,
- 13 Westinghouse at times would give us information that
- 14 maybe they weren't legally obligated to for the EPC,
- 15 but they never gave us that level of information that
- 16 we had -- had access to postbankruptcy.
- 17 Q. And that's the information that you're not
- 18 able to specifically here describe what it is?
- A. I'm just not an expert -- I'm not a
- 20 scheduling expert.
- Q. Were you upset when you discovered in 2017
- 22 that the schedule provided by Westinghouse was
- 23 incorrect?

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- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- MR. MITCHELL: Same.

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- THE WITNESS: You mean -- so are you
- 2 talking postbankruptcy?
- 3 BY MR. COX:
- 4 Q. Correct.
- 5 A. Yeah, it was upsetting.
- 6 Q. Why?
- 7 A. Well, I felt that at the end of the work
- 8 that our folks did that came up with pretty
- 9 significant differences in schedule to completion,
- 10 it -- it was obvious that, okay, this is -- this is
- 11 going to be tough to go forward on this project.
- 12 There's going to be some hard decisions that are
- 13 going to have to be made because we've had -- we're
- 14 having a significant change in schedule. We're going
- 15 to have a significant change in cost because we have
- 16 no fixed-price option anymore. We have no EPC.
- Q. Did you feel like you had been misled by
- 18 Westinghouse for five years?
- 19 A. No, not that I had been misled for five
- 20 years. I think Westinghouse -- I think Westinghouse
- 21 was ill-informed at times in maybe assumptions they
- 22 made that, in retrospect looking back, assumptions
- 23 may have been overly optimistic. Assumptions that
- 24 they made may not have had a level of confidence
- 25 applied to them that maybe they should have.

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- But, you know, "intentionally misled" is a
- 2 little bit stronger term than I would use. Some --
- 3 some of which could be pure ignorance on their part,
- 4 you know, incompetence on their part, whatever you
- 5 want to call it.
- 6 Q. Did it disturb you that this
- 7 multibillion-dollar project had been guided by
- 8 scheduling and cost assumptions for a number of years
- 9 that turned out to be way off the mark?
- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 11 MR. MITCHELL: Same.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I'm not quite sure what
- you're asking me on that one.
- 14 BY MR. COX:
- Q. So in 2017 when you discovered that the
- 16 schedule and the cost that you had believed existed
- 17 on the project was not the case, did it bother you
- 18 that for the past five years on this
- 19 multibillion-dollar project, SCE&G had been moving
- 20 forward on the project on this incorrect belief about
- 21 the cost and schedule?
- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.

changes as you move along.

- 23 MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I don't know that over that
- 25 five years, we had been -- that it was exactly

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I guess -- and the reason I say that, so any large, complicated first-of-a-kind -- and put the word "nuclear" in there too -- project is going to have many uncertainties associated with it from the get-go. No matter whether you have the smartest people in the world, when it comes to nuclear construction working that initial assumption up, there are going to be

So the real question is, in my mind as you move through that project, are those folks that are responsible for scheduling costs, projections, putting their best effort into those as to whether they're on track, better than expected, worse than expected?

It's easy at the end of a project -- and I'm not trying to defend Westinghouse at all in this -- but it's easy at the end of the project to point back and say, "Well, they weren't putting a best effort forward" or, even more extreme, being very devious in what they were doing.

My interfaces with those folks over the five years I was there was -- there were a lot

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- of folks there that really focused on wanting to
  - get this project done. So when it comes to
- 3 exactly why their schedule and assumptions in
- 4 it, there's no other way for me to describe it
- 5 but to say they were overly optimistic, as we
- 6 found out after we redid it after bankruptcy.
  - I'll still puzzled about that.
- 8 BY MR. COX:
- <sup>9</sup> Q. Wouldn't you have preferred to have
- 10 discovered that fact a couple years earlier?
- 11 A. If it was occurring a couple years
- 12 earlier, yes.
- 13 (Exhibit 1 was marked for identification.)
- 14 BY MR. COX:
- Q. Mr. Jones, we've got an exhibit marked as
- 16 Exhibit 1 to your deposition. It appears to be a
- 17 letter dated June 9th -- I'm sorry, June 19th, 2014,
- 18 from you to Chris Levesque; is that correct?
  - A. Levesque.
- Q. Levesque. And it's Bates number
- 21 SCANA\_RP0325888 through -890.
- Is this in fact a letter that you sent to
- 23 Mr. Levesque?
- 24 A. It is.
  - Q. And I wanted to ask you a few questions

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- 1 about this letter, and feel free to take a moment
- 2 first to review it if you would like.
- 3 A. Yeah, I would, please.
  - Okay.
- Q. Who is Mr. Levesque?
- 6 A. At that time, Mr. Levesque was the site --
- 7 site vice president for Westinghouse, my counterpart
- 8 in Westinghouse.
- <sup>9</sup> Q. So was he your primary interface with the
- 10 consortium?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. For what time period?
  - A. Let's see. Chris was there for about a
- 14 year, and I'm trying to remember. This was June of
- 15 '14. I think he started, like, May or April of '14.
- 16 I can't remember exactly.
- Q. And was he at the project full time when
- 18 he was in that position?
  - A. Yes. Yeah. He was located at the site.
- Q. And who came after him in that position?
  - A. Carl Churchman did.
- Q. Did you have any frustration with the fact
- 23 that the lead consortium representative at the
- 24 project was turning over?
- A. Yeah. So I was there for five years, and

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- 1 during that time period, there were three folks that
- 2 were the VPs for Westinghouse. And in between those
- 3 folks, none of those were a planned departure,
- 4 meaning Westinghouse was grooming someone else at the
- 5 same time to take over for them.
- 6 The first person that was there,
- 7 unfortunately, passed away. Obviously, you can't
- 8 plan for that. And there was a number of months' gap
- 9 between Westinghouse -- that person passing away and
- 10 then Westinghouse naming a new vice president. That
- 11 position was filled by an interim for that period of
- 12 time.
- 13 Chris came in then. He had been recruited
- 14 from outside Westinghouse. Chris left unexpectedly
- 15 for a different opportunity, and Westinghouse again
- 16 had an interim person step in until they brought Carl
- 17 Churchman in. Carl was still the site VP when the
- 18 project was canceled.
- 19 Q. Did you feel that that turnover in that
- 20 position negatively affected progress of the
- 21 construction?
- 22 A. I don't think the turnover was good. When
- 23 you have a senior leader turnover in any
- 24 organization, the natural concern would be whatever
- 25 path that leader was driving the organization is

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- 1 likely now going to be interrupted to some degree.
- 2 And when there's not someone ready to step
- 3 in right behind that person, having an interim in
- 4 place is not as good as having a permanent person
- 5 there. And then, of course, you have no idea who the
- 6 new person is going to be and, you know, what the
- 7 relationship is going to be there. So --
- 8 Q. But you're not able to say whether you --
- 9 whether that turnover negatively affected the --
- A. I can't say other than just from a
- 1 leadership perspective, a planned succession that is
- 12 successfully designed and then executed is much
- 13 better than something like this.
- Q. The first sentence of your letter, you
- 15 refer to "another rebaseline of the project work
- 16 schedule."

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- 17 What do you mean by a "rebaseline of the
- 18 project work schedule"?
- 19 A. This is a while back. I'm going to assume
- 20 that that was tied back to, you know, the hearing
- 21 that occurred in 2012 that modified the completion
- 22 dates.
- Q. And this rebaseline would be taking
- 24 another look to see whether those dates were still
- 25 accurate; is that fair to say?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know how many baselines --
- 3 rebaselines had occurred before this one referred to
- 4 in this letter?
  - A. Well, the only one I'm aware of would be
- $^{\rm 6}$  that which was submitted at the PSC in 2012.
- 7 Q. And that was done before you arrived on
- 8 the project; is that right?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. Okay. In the first paragraph, your
- $^{11}\,$  reference is -- or you reference the need to "advise
- 12 third parties" of your latest projections.
  - What "third parties" are you referring to
- 14 there?

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- 15 A. I'm assuming we're talking about the ORS
- 16 Public Service Commission, you know, going through
- 17 another -- another hearing.
- Q. Did you feel there was urgency attached to
- 19 obtaining this schedule in order to notify the ORS or
- 20 the PSC?
- A. Yes. I mean, if the consortium is going
- 22 through this rebaselining effort, the sooner that's
- 23 delivered to us the better.
- Q. Why is that?
  - A. Well, because of the obligations we have

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- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{1}}$  with our relationship with the PSC to make them aware
- 2 when something changes.
- Q. At the bottom of the first page, there's a
- 4 sentence that carries over to the second page. It
- 5 says, "We anticipate that the upcoming rebaselined
- 6 work schedule will continue to show substantial
- 7 completion of Unit 2 and Unit 3 well past the dates
- 8 established in the parties' agreement of July 11th,
- 9 2012."
- 10 Was that a true statement when you made
- 11 it?

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- 12 A. We believe that to be true. You typically
- 13 don't rebaseline a project if you're ahead of
- 14 schedule. You could. But ahead is good, or you're
- 15 right on schedule.
  - Q. So it's correct that at that point in
- 17 time, SCE&G anticipated that the rebaseline work
- 18 schedule would show substantial completion dates well
- 110 Schedule would show substantial completion dates w
- past the dates established in the parties' agreement of July 11th, 2012?
- A. We believe there was some probability of
- 22 that just by virtue of the fact that they were
- 23 rebaselining the schedule.
  - Q. You anticipated that, correct?
- 25 A. Uh-huh.

#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 122 Page 124 1 Q. Is that yes? Q. The next paragraph of Mr. Levesque's 2 A. I think the exact words were "we 2 letter to you, the first two sentences say: "The 3 consortium was prepared to provide the owners with 3 anticipate." (Exhibit 2 was marked for identification.) 4 updated schedule information during a meeting 5 BY MR. COX: scheduled for May 30th, 2014. However, on May 29th, 6 Q. Mr. Jones, Exhibit 2 appears to be a 2014, SCE&G advised the consumer consortium that the 7 response to your letter of Exhibit 1. If you could owners had elected to cancel the meeting." 8 go ahead and take a moment and review that. Is that a true statement? 9 MR. COX: And for the record, Exhibit 2 is 9 A. I'm assuming so since it's written here. 10 Bates numbers SCANA RP0541204 through -1207. 10 I don't recall that specifically, but . . . 11 MR. CHALLY: Let's go ahead and take a 11 Q. Do you know why SCE&G decided to cancel 12 12 that meeting? break we so we can discuss this particular 13 document. 13 A. I don't recall. MR. COX: Sure. Off the record. 14 14 Q. That same paragraph, in fact, the next 15 VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at 15 sentence says: "Although mitigation analysis 16 11:33 a.m. 16 continues, and as stated by the consortium in a 17 (A recess transpired from 11:33 a.m. meeting with SCE&G on June 10th, 2014, the current 18 until 11:45 a.m.) schedule shows that the significant dates identified 19 VIDEOGRAPHER: On record at 11:45 a.m. by Steve Byrne in his e-mail to me April 1, 2014, are 20 not reasonably achievable." 20 BY MR. COX: 21 Q. Mr. Jones, have you had a chance to review 21 Do you know what the "significant dates" 22 Exhibit 2? were that Steve Byrne identified to the Commission? 22 23 23 A. I don't recall. A. I have. 24 24 Q. You don't recall if those dates were dates Q. And is this a letter that was sent to you around July 16th, 2014, by Mr. Levesque? 25 that were 18 months after the substantial completion Page 123 Page 125 A. Yes. 1 dates that were on file with the PSC at that time? 1 2 Q. There's a couple sentence in here --A. I honestly don't recall. This was such a 2 sentences in here that I'd like to ask you about. long period of time ago. 3 Q. Is it correct to say that the BLRA and the On the bottom of the first page, 5 Mr. Levesque says: "However, in mid-April of this Commission required SCE&G to notify the Commission if 6 year, we were informed by SCE&G that the owners did 6 the substantial completion dates for the units were to slip more than 18 months past the dates that had not require any reports on the schedule until all potential mitigation efforts had been explored." been established at the Commission? 9 9 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. Is this a true statement? 10 10 A. To the best of my knowledge, yes. THE WITNESS: That was my understanding. 11 Q. During -- or in the next paragraph of the 11 It was a plus -- 24 months ahead of schedule or 12 up to 18 months behind schedule, and any 12 letter, the first full paragraph from the top of the second page, it references a meeting that 13 deviation from that required notification. Mr. Levesque had with SCE&G on May 5th, 2014. 14 BY MR. COX: 15 Do you recall whether you were a part of 15 Q. Did you have any understanding of how 16 that meeting? 16 swiftly SCE&G needed to notify the Commission if that 17 information were to occur where the substantial A. I don't recall. 17 18 Q. Is the last sentence in that paragraph, to completion date was outside that window? 18

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23 BY MR. COX:

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your recollection, correct which says: "SCE&G also

requested that the consortium present the updated

21 schedule to the owners on May 30th, 2014, assuming

22 the consortium was ready"?

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MR. CHALLY: Object to form.

no. I don't know.

THE WITNESS: I don't recall any guidance

that was specific as to timeline or time frame,

Q. Did you receive any guidance from

#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 126 Page 128 A. As far as guidance on if you're outside 18 1 2 time on this in reporting or --2 She's forwarding an e-mail to you from Q. Correct. How swiftly that information 3 JoAnne Hyde. Do you know who Ms. Hyde is? needed to be reported. A. I do. A. I don't recall receiving any guidance. Who is she? Q. A. She works for Westinghouse. She was 6 (Exhibit 3 was marked for identification.) BY MR. COX: 7 the -- I don't know what JoAnne's title was, but she Q. Mr. Jones, we've labeled as Exhibit 3 an was more or less the counterpart for Carlette, e-mail with a PowerPoint and spreadsheet attachment Carlette's counterpart within the Westinghouse that is Bates-numbered SCANA\_RP0528586 through -8622. 10 10 organization. 11 11 If you could, you can take a moment and I don't know that JoAnne was at a VP review this exhibit. I wanted to ask you a few 12 level, but she was the lead person from a financial questions about the PowerPoint attached to this perspective, spent a good amount of time on site and 13 e-mail. 14 14 also up in Pittsburgh. 15 A. Okay. I wasn't going to read it in detail 15 Q. Do you know why Carlette Walker was 16 unless you'd like me to. 16 forwarding you this e-mail? 17 Q. If you feel like you need to look at it 17 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 18 more or talk to your attorneys about it, that will be 18 THE WITNESS: I'm assuming it was to keep me informed that they had received a draft 19 fine. 19 20 A. Sure. 20 package for this meeting. 21 Q. The first e-mail -- or the first page is 21 BY MR. COX: Q. And Ms. Hyde does reference a meeting an e-mail where a Carlette Walker forwards you an 22 22 23 e-mail from JoAnne Hyde. 23 occurring on August 29th. Do you know if you 24 Do you know who Carlette Walker is? 24 attended that meeting? 25 25 A. I do. A. I feel certain that I did. I don't --Page 127 Page 129 Q. Who is she? 1 again, I'd have to go back and check my calendar, but 1 A. So Carlette was the vice president of 2 I -- high likelihood I did. 3 finance assigned to the V.C. Summer project. She had Q. And is it fair to say that the subject 4 been assigned to that project as essentially a 4 matter of this meeting was a presentation of the 5 full-time role at some point prior to me arriving in 5 consortium's EAC in connection with the revised the middle of July 2012. schedule it had developed for the project? Q. And were you her indirect supervisor? A. I think that's a good characterization. A. No. She reported to Corporate, reported Q. The page marked number 3 on the PowerPoint 8 9 slide, it's entitled "Key assumptions for revised to Jimmy Addison's organization. 10 Q. What was your understanding of her role in 10 estimate." 11 connection with the project? 11 I wanted to ask you about a couple of 12 A. My understanding of her role was that her 12 these assumptions, if you're aware of them. 13 position as VP for finance's focus specifically on 13 Number 5 says: "Unit rates were this project, at some point prior to me arriving to unchanged. Productivity factors and quantity 15 the project, SCANA Corporate had decided, due to the 15 adjustments are the basis for adjustment change of 16 nature of the project, the size of the project, they 16 labor hours." 17 17 What does it mean by "unit rates were needed to dedicate a finance person to it. 18 Q. And what was your understanding of her unchanged"? 18 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 19 mission from SCANA with respect to the project? 19 20 A. Well, to fulfill the role of being, you 20 MR. CHALLY: Same. know, Corporate's literally daily eyes on the project 21 THE WITNESS: I think the way I would 22 from the finance perspective. I mean, that's how I 22 interpret that is -- and we mentioned before, 23 would sum it up. 23 unit rates, there's -- there are unit rates that

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Q. Is it fair to say that one of her roles

25 was to monitor the financial cost of the project?

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you apply for different construction activities.

For example, there may be a unit rate --

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well, there would be a unit rate for pouring concrete that would say to pour X cubic yards of concrete. It would take X number of people X number of hours. That would be an assumption that you would build your schedule around.

I can't remember. There's an industry standard for different construction activities that you would have unit rates for. Concrete would be one. Hanging pipe would be another one. Steel work might be another one. Rebar might be another one. Things like that.

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13 Q. Number 9 on this page says: "No cost is included for schedule acceleration other than limited 14 second-shift work." 15

16 Can you explain what that means, if you 17 know?

18 A. I'm sure there may have been some 19 discussion around it. But, you know, cold-body read 20 on this four years later, I don't remember exactly.

21 Q. Number 10 says: "Estimate does not 22 consider NNI expediting impact."

23 "NNI" refers -- refers to the 24 subcontractor that was fabricating the shield

building panels, correct?

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- 2 Q. And do you know why the estimate that the 3 consortium provided did not consider the impact of
- the expediting of those shield panels?
- 5 A. I don't -- I don't recall.

A. That's correct.

- Q. If you could turn to page 28 of the
- PowerPoint. This is a page labeled "Craft
- Productivity."
- 9 The second bullet point says: "Current PF 10 equals 1.41. U2 equals 2.15. U3 equals 1.74.
- 11 SS equals 1.07."
- 12 Do you understand U2 and U3 there to be 13 referring to Unit 2 and Unit 3 of the project?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And do you understand those numbers to be 16 referring to the performance factor that had been 17 achieved on those units?
- A. Yes. 18
- 19 Q. Do you know what "SS" refers to there?
- 20 A. Site-specific.
- 21 Q. Can you explain what that means?
- 22 A. So there's certain -- Unit 2 and Unit 3
- 23 would be for construction on those things that are
- 24 specific to those two units. There are portions of
- 25 the site -- components, piping, et cetera, along with

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1 just general site grading and stuff like that -- that 2 support both units.

3 The reason it's called "site-specific" is

4 the AP1000 is a standard design plant with respect to

5 the turbine island, the nuclear island. So even

6 though Vogtle is a different site than V.C. Summer,

7 if you go in their turbine island or their nuclear

8 island, it would look exactly the same as those that

were being built at V.C. Summer.

10 On the other hand, if you go from

11 V.C. Summer to Vogtle, at V.C. Summer, the cooling

12 towers that we were building were what are called

13 "low-profile force draft." Southern has the big

14 hyperbolic cooling towers. So cooling towers are

15 site-specific. They're not part of the standard

16 AP1000 design. The customer has the ability to

17 choose whatever they want.

18 Service water, cooling water for the 19 plant, for example, the source of that is different

20 from one site to the next. So the length of piping

21 that's required to get it to the plant, the type of

22 pumps you might use to pump it are going to be

23 different. So that's site-specific stuff.

24 Q. Is that construction that's less critical 25 to the progress of the plant than the unit-specific

Page 133 1 construction?

A. It's not that it's less critical. By 2

3 that, I mean you can't operate the plant without it;

4 but typically, it's easier to construct.

5 Q. It's not first of a kind?

A. It's not first of a kind. The cooling

towers we were building, for example, are proven,

8 built-before cooling towers that have been used at

9 fossil plants, for example.

10 A water intake off a lake and the pumps 11 that are being used to pump that water are not unique

designs. The pumps most likely had been manufactured

many times before. The piping is standard piping.

14 Things like that.

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15 So it -- you know, provided things are 16 going well, site-specific stuff should never pose a 17 threat to critical path.

18 Q. So it doesn't surprise you that the 19 performance factor on the site-specific work was

20 better than the performance factor --

21 A. No. It's easy work to do because in most

22 cases, it's in wide-open spaces. In most cases, it's

23 more like standard industrial construction as opposed

24 to -- it's not nuclear construction.

Q. Do you have any reason to doubt the

#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 134 Page 136 1 accuracy of these performance factor numbers that the 1 whatever standards they are using, they would consortium provided? 2 typically -- Westinghouse would not typically MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 3 reforecast a performance factor until they're 4 20 percent complete within a particular scope of THE WITNESS: No. 5 BY MR. COX: work. Q. This information shows that the 6 So if the scope of work was piping, they performance factor on Unit 2 was worse than Unit 3; 7 would say, "Well, until we're 20 percent complete, we would typically not reforecast a performance factor. is that correct? 9 9 Once we hit 20 percent, we would have enough run time A. Correct. 10 Q. And the overall performance factor, 10 to be more accurate in what we would estimate is our 11 including the site-specific work, was 1.41, correct? performance factor going forward." 12 A. Uh-huh. Q. So would you agree that the consortium is 13 Q. Is that yes? 13 warning -- this is a warning that generally the A. Yes. construction is not complete enough to reforecast PF? 14 Q. And the last bullet point on this page 15 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. Form. 15 16 says: "ETC PF of 1.15 to be realized through gradual 16 THE WITNESS: I think that's what they're 17 improvements over six-month period." 17 implying here. 18 Can you tell me what this means? 18 The thing is, I would view something like 19 A. Basically what the consortium was telling 19 this as that's their opinion. I think it's likely I could find another expert somewhere 20 us was they were going to improve the performance 20 21 factor by making specific improvements over the next 21 that might say, "12.9 percent? You can probably 22 22 get as good an estimate from that as you can get six months. 23 23 Q. And it's fair to say they were predicting 20 percent." 24 24 that they could get the performance factor to 1.15 in There's just -- the only reason I bring 25 25 six months; is that correct? that up is there's -- this is not -- building Page 135 Page 137 A. Correct. any project, especially one this complicated, 1 1 2 Q. Midway down --2 it's not black and white on the right or wrong 3 A. I'm sorry. Let me back up on that. I 3 to do or right or wrong assumptions to make. want to go back and reread it again. 4 It's enormously complex, and there's lots of I think what they're saying is six months 5 opinions out there. 6 from now, you'll see the monthly performance factor 6 BY MR. COX: 7 be 1.15. It's not saying we're going to pull back 7 Q. But wouldn't you agree that, generally, 8 the cumulative performance factor for all the work 8 that the consortium is cautioning that the work has 9 that's been done plus the work going forward to 9 not progressed enough to the level to where they 10 average out to 1.15. would typically reforecast PF? 11 Q. So the expectation or the statement that 11 A. They're throwing that out as a caution, I 12 think. 12 the consortium making -- is making here is that six months from now, the monthly PF, we think we can get 13 Q. Mr. Jones, did the consortium provide an 14 it to 1.15? 14 EAC estimate to SCE&G from this presentation? A. That's correct. It could have been worded 15 A. If you go back on page 8, they give a better, but that's the way I would read that. 16 schedule overview for Unit 2 with a schedule 17 completion of June 2019 as the first bullet there.

- 15 16 17 Q. And halfway down that page, it says:
- 18 "Estimate based on several factors."
- 19 And the first bullet point under that 20 says: "Currently, only 12.9 percent complete with direct construction. Typically would not reforecast
- 22 PF until 20 percent complete with a particular 23 **scope.**"
- 24 Do you know what that means?
- A. What they're saying is that, I guess, from
- -- I was referring specifically to cost. Is there an acronym that you use for a

Q. And when I was referring to EAC --

Oh, you're talking about the cost. I'm

- 23 schedule estimate?
  - A. No, not that I'm aware of.
- 25 Q. Okay.

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1	A. A lot of times, we would talk about EAC as	1	agreed with it or not. I don't recall any
2	being the cumulative between the two because schedule	2	significant objections to it.
3	drives cost, typically. So we would talk about both	3	There, of course, was more than likely
4	components under EAC, but EAC is basically more	4	comments about, "Well, they've got to improve PF
5	properly referring to just the cost.	5	to meet this. Otherwise, that will affect this
6	Q. And is it correct that the consortium used	6	estimate."
7	a certain schedule as an assumption to provide an EAC	7	But, again, the consortium was making a
8	cost estimate?	8	commitment to us that they were going to improve
9	MR. CHALLY: Object to form.	9	PF over a six-month period.
10	THE WITNESS: Yes. And then they've given	10	BY MR. COX:
11	a summary in here of cost.	11	Q. Did you become aware of any SCE&G
12	You know, the thing, of course, that's not	12	employees who believed that it was unlikely that the
13	in here is any impact that a schedule change has	13	consortium would be able to meet that predicted PF
14	on owners' cost. That's not something that they	14	factor?
15	would provide. That's something that SCANA	15	MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
16	would have to develop.	16	MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
17	BY MR. COX:	17	THE WITNESS: I mean, everyone had
18	Q. So this estimate is strictly EPC cost,	18	opinions, and I'm certain some of those opinions
19	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	19	were, "Well, they haven't done it yet."
20	A. Yes.	20	But, I guess, from my perspective, just
21	Q. And is the EAC cost estimate that the	21	because you haven't accomplished it yet, I had
22	consortium provided, is that the estimate that SCE&G	22	no reason to doubt that a sound plan that
23	provided to the PSC in 2015?	23	detailed how to improve that had no reason to
24	MR. CHALLY: Object to form.	24	doubt that that couldn't be accomplished.
25	THE WITNESS: You know, without with	25	Was it going to require hard work and a
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1	not going back and laying eyes on the numbers	1	good plan to make that happen? Yes. But,
2	and how they totaled up, I can't say that. My	2	again, I didn't have any reason to say, "Well,
3	assumption would be this was the basis for that,	_	
4		3	I'm sorry, you're just never going to meet
1 -	but I can't for certainty say that unless I went	4	I'm sorry, you're just never going to meet that."
5	but I can't for certainty say that unless I went through and sat down with financial folks and	1 =	
		4	that."
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#### Page 142 Page 144 1 anything that -- while I'm not a financial A. Correct. 2 expert, I reviewed Carlette's testimony in a 2 Q. Do you recall whether you were present at 3 draft form, and there wasn't anything that stuck 3 the executive meeting referred to on the first page 4 out to me as being inaccurate or whatever. 4 of this PowerPoint? 5 We also, in preparations for the hearings, 5 A. I don't recall, again, without going back 6 did, again, what I was typically used to at Duke 6 to my calendar and reviewing. 7 when I testified at hearings for them. Sat 7 Q. The third page of this document, the 8 8 bottom left corner is marked 15. The third bullet down, went through testimony in a group setting 9 9 point says: "EAC team anticipates a to-go PF closer with all the participants and other corporate 10 folks at the same time, went through mock 10 to 1.40 and recalculated the cost resulting in an 11 questioning that might come -- bring in some 11 additional increase of approximately 101 million." 12 outsiders in to do some mock questioning to, you Were you aware prior to your 2015 PSC 13 know, try to pick away at our testimony and make 13 testimony that SCE&G had -- had calculated a to-go PF 14 14 of 1.40? sure we were knowledgeable to be able to speak 15 to the commissioners as they had questions. 15 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 16 There was nothing that surfaced during 16 THE WITNESS: I don't remember. The --17 17 this is the EAC team, folks that are listed on that that gave me any indication that Carlette's 18 testimony was anything other than what she 18 the cover here, their opinion. agreed to -- was accurate. 19 But for the base -- I don't know that the 20 BY MR. COX: 20 basis for them assuming 1.4 invalidates the Q. Were you involved in receiving any 21 basis that Westinghouse -- well, that the 22 information from the finance people on the project 22 consortium was assuming of a 1.15 with an 23 23 regarding their scrub of the consortium's cost improvement over six months. 24 estimate? 24 BY MR. COX: 25 25 A. I don't recall anything of that nature, Q. Would you agree that the EAC team -- the Page 143 Page 145 1 no. 1 SCE&G EAC team believed that the to-go PF would be closer to 1.40 than 1.15? Q. And I'm going to have another document MR. CHALLY: Objection. Form. 3 labeled and have you identify whether you recall 3 THE WITNESS: I believe when I look at 4 seeing it before. 4 (Exhibit 4 was marked for identification.) 5 this presentation, it's telling me the folks BY MR. COX: that are listed on the cover here that were the Q. So, Mr. Jones, I've had labeled as EAC review team, that that was their opinion. Exhibit 4 to your deposition a document which the 8 BY MR. COX: Bates number is cut off from the copy, but I can tell 9 Q. And the members of that team were you the Bates number is SCANA\_RP0024674 through -686. 10 10 commissioned by your company, SCE&G, to conduct that 11 It's entitled -- it's a PowerPoint 11 analysis, correct? 12 entitled "EAC Review Team Preliminary Update 12 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. Preparation for 10-13-14 Executive Meeting." THE WITNESS: That would be my belief, 13 13 14 If you could review this and if you could 14 yeah. 15 let me know if -- if you believe you had ever 15 BY MR. COX: 16 received this PowerPoint or seen it before. 16 Were you aware that the EAC team for SCE&G 17 had calculated that the EAC cost of the project would A. Okay. go up by \$101 million based on their predicted to-go 18 Q. To your recollection, have you seen this 18 19 document before? 19 **PF?** 20 20 A. I do not know. Without access to my MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 21 calendar, you know, notes I may have taken, files 21 MR. MITCHELL: Same. 22 that I may have, I don't know. I would say it's not 22 THE WITNESS: I'm seeing that in the 23 surprising that we did a review of what they gave us. 23 presentation here that that's what they're Q. By "we" you mean SCE&G and "they" you mean 24 24 saying. 25 the consortium? 25

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- Q. And you don't recall if you were aware of
- that at the time that you prepared your 2015 PSC
- testimony?
  - A. Again, without specifically knowing
- whether I was at this meeting or not or seeing the
- 7 presentation, I just can't comment on that.
  - Q. Would it disturb you to realize that you
- were not privy to that information prior to your 2015
- 10 PSC testimony?

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- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
  - THE WITNESS: Would it disturb me? I
- don't know that it would have disturbed me.
- Again, this is the opinion of these five 14
  - or six folks here, and what I'm seeing here is a
- 16 very high level summary of it.
  - A number of these are contractual issues
  - where we think they are or aren't entitled to
- 19 things, which there's some basis you can go back
- 20 to for that and say, "Well, here's what the
  - contract says, and here's how we're reading it,"
- 22 and that directly contributes to why we're
- 23 saying, "Give them a zero-dollar entitlement"
- 24 for something.
  - That's not the same thing when it comes to
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  - PF. I'm certain they did some work to come up
- 2 with that opinion, but that's just an opinion.
- 3 We also had, though, the -- the consortium
- 4 telling us we're going to accomplish something
- different than that, and it's going to be graded
- over a period of six months, and we're going to
- 7 achieve 1.15. This doesn't give me any
- 8 knowledge that would say, well, the consortium
- must be wrong. This is just another opinion.
- 10 BY MR. COX:
- 11 Q. Well -- and just so I can kind of explain
- 12 the basis for my question about whether you would be
- disturbed by that, is it true that your 2015 PSC
- 14 testimony discussed the consortium's EAC estimate?
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- 16 Q. And isn't it true that your testimony
- 17 discussed the fact that the SCE&G had reviewed that
- 18 estimate?
- 19 A. I believe that's correct. I'd have to go
- 20 back and look at the testimony to verify that.
- 21 Q. We'll look at that. And the reason I ask
- 22 the question is given that your testimony discussed
- 23 the company reviewing the consortium's EAC estimate,
- 24 the basis for my question was whether you would be 25 disturbed to realize that there was information about
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- 1 the company's review from the company's EAC team that
- 2 you were not aware of at the time of your testimony.
- 3 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
  - MR. MITCHELL: Same.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Again, I don't know, going
- 6 back to what we talked about before. When I
- 7 look at this, and you asked did I have a direct
- 8 memory of seeing this or being at a meeting to
- 9 discuss this, I just -- I don't know. It's
- 10 likely that I was, but I can't say with
- 11 certainty.
- 12 I am expecting, though, that in the
- 13 meeting that happened here, there was probably
- discussion around this anticipation that the 14
- team had on PF. But, again, to the nature of 15
- 16 that, I don't have any knowledge of what that
- 17 led to.
- 18 But I'm certain that there would have been
- 19 some discussion about that since it does
- differ -- it's not a contractual cost issue like 20
- 21 much of the rest of the discussion was here.
- 22 This is more an opinion on whether they can meet
- 23 the 1.15 that they're committing to us or not.
- 24 BY MR. COX:
- 25 Q. And it's an opinion about what the
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. It would impact that.
- 4 Q. I'd like for you to turn to page 19 of the
- PowerPoint. The bottom left corner is labeled 19.
- 6 The second bullet point on that page says:
- "EAC team verified the EAC using the current CB&I FNM
- 8 plan, which is lean. The EAC team does not
- 9 anticipate that CB&I will be able to comply with this
- 10 plan."

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- What is the "FNM plan"?
- A. It's field nonmanual.
- Q. And what is the plan for that?
- 14 A. Well, what field nonmanual are, are
- 15 workers on site, but they don't contribute to wrench
- 16 time. So field nonmanuals would -- and I'm trying to
- 17 dig back and remember exactly all the categories it
- 18 would include -- but it would include quality
- 19 control, for example. Quality control does not
- 20 perform work, they inspect work. Quality control,
- 21 there is a cost to the project.
- 22 The field nonmanual plan, there's -- the
- 23 EAC team felt it's "lean," meaning -- which I'm
- 24 assuming that that meant it -- it didn't have enough
- 25 in it to account for the number, either the current

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- 1 number of field nonmanuals on site, or it's a comment
- 2 on their plan to reduce the number of field
- nonmanuals.
- You know, your objective is have the right
- support for those guys and women turning the wrenches 5
- out there but not have extra people because it is an
- additional cost for a project.
- 8 So there's an opinion here that the plan,
- 9 I guess, that was baked into the consortium's
- 10 schedule in EAC is "lean," meaning our folks are
- 11 saying they think that there may be actually more
- 12 folks that they end up using than what they're
- 13 saying.

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- 14 Q. And that would drive up the cost, correct?
- 15 A. That's correct.
  - Q. Page 21 of this PowerPoint is entitled
- 17 "CB&I Woodlands Cuts."
- 18 The first bullet point says: "CB&I cut
- 19 the EAC by 296 million at a very high level. How
- 20 these cuts will be realized has yet to be
- 21 determined."
- 22 Do you know what the "CB&I Woodlands cuts"
- 23 is referring to?
- 24 A. So Woodlands is where their headquarters
- 25 is, Woodlands, Texas. And what this appears to be

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- 1 saying is they put a cut in that would contribute to
- 2 the EAC at a very high level, meaning it didn't have
- 3 a breakdown with it as to where that savings was
- 4 going to come from.
- So this appears to be -- again, with the
- 6 comment there, "how these cuts will be realized has
- 7 yet to be determined," meaning they hadn't provided
- 8 us additional information to break down that
- 9 296 million-dollar savings.
- 10 Q. And the next bullet point on that page, is
- 11 it fair to say that the EAC team is pointing out that
- 12 all of the actual costs on that point will have to be
- 13 reimbursed to the contractor because it's target
- 14 price?

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- A. That's what they're --
  - MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- 17 THE WITNESS: That's what they're saying
- 18 there by their statement.
- 19 MR. COX: I have about an hour left, I
- 20 think. I don't know if we want to break for
- 21 lunch now or push through it.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Whatever you all want to do,
- 23 I'm good.
  - MR. CHALLY: You guys make the call.
- 25 MR. COX: All right if we keep going for a

- little bit?
- 2 MR. MITCHELL: If you think you would be
- 3 done in an hour, why don't we just push through
- 4 it. That would be a better stopping point.
  - MR. COX: Sounds good.
- 6 (Exhibit 5 was marked for identification.)
- 7 BY MR. COX:
- 8 Q. Mr. Jones, I've handed you a document
- 9 labeled Exhibit 5. It's a document that was produced
- 10 by Carlette Walker in response to a subpoena. It
- 11 does not have a Bates number. It's labeled "Target
- 12 Construction Productivity (Direct Hire Labor)," and
- 13 it says "Reporting period: January 2015."
- 14 This type of information -- or this
- 15 information on this chart, is this information that
- you received during your time on the project?
- 17 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't know. I
- mean, you're saying Carlette provided this?
- 20 BY MR. COX:

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- 21 Q. Correct.
  - A. I mean, it's not under a letterhead or
- 23 anything like that or an e-mail, so I don't know.
- 24 Q. At the bottom left-hand corner of this
- 25 page, it says: "Months to complete at January -- at

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- 1 Jan rate, 318 months, 26.5 years."
- 2 Do you know if you ever became aware that
- 3 at the rate of construction productivity, that the
- 4 project would not be completed for 26 and a half
- 5 years?

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- 6 A. I've never heard that number before.
  - Q. Do you believe it to be accurate?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 10 BY MR. COX:
- 11 Q. Why not?
- A. I don't think there's any basis for that. 12
- 13 I mean, I think on any project, if you want to go
- 14 backwards in time and look at maybe a worst month
- 15 ever on productivity, for example, and then use that
- 16 as my going-on productivity for the rest of the
- 17 project, you can come up with whatever number you
- 18 want.

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- 19 But that's not -- that really doesn't have
- 20 any basis in my mind for being considered as being an
- 21 accurate -- even a semiaccurate projection.
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- Q. You would need more data to have a better 23 estimate; is that right?
  - A. Yeah. It kind of goes back to, you know,
- 25 there's a lot of focus on PF, which I understand, but

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1 kind of goes back to that, you know, the warning past

- 2 performance is not necessarily an indicator of future
- 3 performance, which is really true in construction.
- 4 You could perform at the same level you've been
- 5 performing. You could be better. You could be
- 6 worse. So you can't just simply take a number and
- 7 make an accurate projection going forward off of a
- single number.
- Q. In the right-hand column of this chart, 10 there's a column labeled "Period PF."
- 11 And if you follow that column down to the bottom row where it says "Total," there's a number 13 that's reflected as 2.74.
- 14 Do you agree that this chart appears to reflect that the -- the PF for January 2015 was 2.74? 15
- 16 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I don't have any knowledge 18 as to whether that's accurate or not. Again,
- 19 you stated Carlette provided this. I don't know
- 20 where she obtained it from. I don't know if
- 21 what she obtained it from was accurate, whether
- 22 it had been modified, or -- I just don't know
- 23 where it came from.
- 24 BY MR. COX:
- 25 Q. Do you recall in that August 2014

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- presentation where the consortium represented that it
- intended to get the monthly PF to 1.15 in six months?
- Yes.
- Q. Do you know if the consortium achieved
- that goal?
- To the best of my knowledge, they did not.
- 7 Q. And do you know how close they came to achieving it?
- 9 A. I don't. Offhand, I do not know.
- 10 Q. Do you know whether the productivity in
- 11 the six-month period between the time when they
- proffered that goal and six months later, which
- direction the productivity -- the PF factor was
- 14 heading?
- 15 A. I don't have that information available, 16 so I don't know.
- 17 Would it have concerned you if the PF
- 18 factor during that time period was trending to less
- productivity rather than improving?
- 20 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 21 THE WITNESS: That would be a concern.
- 22 And then, you know, the likely question would
- be: What are you going to do to turn this
- 24 around?

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1 BY MR. COX:

- Q. Would that provide you any added concern
- about presenting the consortium's cost estimate to
- 4 the PSC?

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- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- THE WITNESS: The consortium's cost
- 7 estimate was the latest and most accurate number
  - we had, so I think we were obligated to present
- 9 that to the PSC.
  - Westinghouse was standing behind that --
- 11 Westinghouse and the constructor were standing
- 12 behind that and, to my knowledge, never told me
  - that "You shouldn't go forward with that number,
  - that we've decided it's now not achievable."
- 15 BY MR. COX:
- 16 Q. Did SCE&G have the option to inform the
- 17 PSC that it did not agree with the cost estimate?
- 18 MR. CHALLY: Objection.
  - MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: I don't know the answer to 20
- 21 that.
- 22 BY MR. COX:
- 23 Q. You don't know if SCE&G was barred from
- 24 revealing to the PSC that it did not think that the
- 25 cost estimate could be reached?

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- 1 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
  - Do you mean legally barred?
- 3 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I would have the same
- 4 question. Are you talking about legally?
- BY MR. COX:
- 6 Q. Do you know of any bar, legal or
- 7 otherwise, to the SCE&G revealing to the Commission
- 8 that it did not think that the cost estimate provided
- 9 by the consortium was attainable?
- 10 A. I don't know of anything that would
- 11 prohibit that; but, again, I'm not an attorney, so I
- 12 don't know.
- 13 Q. Was there anything that prevented SCE&G
- 14 from revealing to the Commission that the consortium
- 15 had indicated that it would improve productivity
- factor in the six months prior to the Commission
- 17 filing, and yet it had failed to do so?
  - MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
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- THE WITNESS: You're getting into an area 20 where I just don't know from a legal perspective
- 21 what SCANA would be required or not required to 22 do.
- 23 The only other thing I would add to that
- 24 is with any EAC, there are assumptions that are

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#### Page 158 Page 160 1 future performance is going to look like. 1 THE WITNESS: I agree there's a difference 2 2 Merely not meeting one of those 3 3 BY MR. COX: assumptions in whatever time frame or -- or 4 monetary amount or whatever was originally Q. Do you believe that you knew about that 5 assumed, merely not meeting that doesn't 5 difference at the time of the -- your testimony was 6 submitted to the PSC in March 2015? 6 necessarily mean there's a corresponding change 7 in the completion date or the overall completion A. I do not recall that. And, again, when 8 cost because there's so many factors that are 8 I -- I'm only looking at one page. I don't know the 9 9 basis or the accuracy of these numbers. floating around on a month-by-month basis. 10 10 You have an opportunity to mitigate, make But the third column seems to be, well, if 11 up lost time, reduce costs in certain areas, 11 we increase the PF, change the ratio on the next two 12 12 items, then it's going to affect all these costs, that sort of thing, I guess is what I'm trying 13 13 which -- well, that's true. If you do change those (Exhibit 6 was marked for identification.) 14 assumptions, it will affect those costs. 14 BY MR. COX: 15 Whether there's any validity to changing 15 16 Q. Exhibit 6, Mr. Jones, is another document 16 those assumptions and affecting the cost by that that was produced by Carlette Walker in response to a magnitude, I mean, this doesn't give me any -- any 17 18 subpoena. It's not Bates-numbered, but it's entitled 18 reason why that would be more accurate than what the "Reconciliation of Consortium Provided EAC, consortium had delivered to us and committed to us 55 Percent in '07 Dollars." 20 20 under the contract to meet. 21 There's three columns in this document, 21 Q. Do you believe that SCE&G needed to notify and the middle column of numbers is labeled 22 the Commission of the most likely EAC of the project 22 "814 Consortium EAC as Delivered. Schedule Basis 23 23 that it believed would occur in March 2015? 24 24 June 2019 and June 2020." MR. CHALLY: Objection. 25 25 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. Do you see that column? Page 159 Page 161 A. Uh-huh. I do. 1 THE WITNESS: Can you re -- cover the 1 2 2 Q. And the bottom number on that column is question one more time? 3 \$529,710,000, and it's labeled "Total EPC Filing 3 BY MR. COX: 4 Request Target T&M firm." 4 Q. Sure, and I'll back up. And the column to the right of that is 5 I think you testified earlier that you 6 labeled "NND EAC Buildup Based on 1.55 PF .97 6 felt that SCE&G was obligated to inform the PSC of the consortium's EAC estimate; is that correct? Indirect/Direct, .60 FNM Direct." And the bottom row of that column is 8 A. Correct. \$970,055,000. Q. Do you believe that SCE&G was also 10 Do you see that? obligated to notify the PSC of its own projection of 11 A. I do. the most likely EAC for the project? 12 Q. Were you aware at the time of the 2015 PSC 12 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 13 filing that SCE&G's EAC team had calculated a 13 THE WITNESS: Well, contractually, the different EPC increase in cost versus what the 14 consortium has provided us the EAC, which is 15 15 consortium had calculated? what we share with the Commission. 16 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 16 From a -- outside of that, I mean, this is 17 THE WITNESS: I don't recall seeing this 17 getting into an area that I'm not really an 18 document. And, again, I don't know where this 18 expert in. But if SCANA had a solid basis, 19 came from. 19 facts that would override what the consortium 20 20 BY MR. COX: has provided -- facts, hard facts -- then I 21 Q. Would you agree that the difference 21 would think there's some obligation, but I don't

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23 BY MR. COX:

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know where the line is there.

Q. Would you agree that estimating a PF is an

23 529 million and the 970 million?

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22 between those two numbers is substantial, the

MR. CHALLY: Object to form.

MR. MITCHELL: Objection.

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- 1 A. I would say -- you mean estimating going 2 forward?
- Q. Correct.
- 4 A. I don't know that it's an inexact science.
- 5 You have to have some basis for what your estimate
- 6 is. Or, in this case, if there's a commitment to
- $7\,$  improve, you have to have some basis for how you're
- 8 going to improve.

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- 9 Q. Would you agree with me that a commitment
- 10 by the consortium to improve its PF in six months, if
- 11 that commitment is not realized and, in fact, no
- 12 progress at all has been made toward that commitment,
- 13 that that would be some piece of evidence that would
- 14 be relevant to estimating what the consortium could
- 15 achieve on a PF going forward?
- 16 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
  - THE WITNESS: It's more data. But, again, past performance doesn't have to be -- you can't
- past performance doesn't have to be -- you can' always draw a straight line between that and
- 20 future performance.
  - It's certainly six months' worth of data
- that would say, "Well, you haven't improved it
- 23 if that's what the data shows," which now puts
- you in a tighter situation going forward,
  - meaning your improvement now is going to have to
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  - be better than what you -- potentially better
    - than what you projected before to make up for
- 3 the loss, or some other mitigation can occur to
- 4 help with that make-up of the loss also.
- 5 BY MR. COX:
- Q. But doesn't that failure to meet past
- 7 promises provide some evidence of the ability or
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{8}}\xspace$  commitment of the party providing that commitment to
- 9 do so in the future?
- 10 A. It provides some perspective that you
- 11 would have on any future promises they would give
- 12 **you.**
- But, again, it's not -- "Well, you didn't
- 14 meet it, so I'm sorry, now you can never meet any
- 15 commitment that you're going to give us."
- Q. You would agree that your 2015 PSC
- 17 testimony did not reveal to the Commission that the
- 18 consortium had promised to or made a commitment to
- 19 improve its PF in six months and had not met that
- 20 commitment?
- 21 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 22 THE WITNESS: I'm assuming that's not in
- 23 my testimony.
- (Exhibit 7 was marked for identification.)
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1 BY MR. COX:

- Q. Mr. Jones, we have handed you a document
- 3 labeled Exhibit 7 to your deposition. It's an e-mail
- 4 to you and Carlette Walker and Abney Smith from
- 5 Marion Cherry. It's Bates-numbered SCANA RP202 --
- 6 I'm sorry -- 0020794 and -20795. Attached to it is
- 7 another version of the same e-mail that's
- 8 Bates-numbered SCANA RP0954157 to -4161.
- 9 The initial e-mail, the first two pages of
- 10 this document that was sent to you, the charts that
- 11 were attached to it were produced in a
- 12 black-and-white format. And so I've attached a
- 13 version of the e-mail, the original e-mail, that
- 14 includes a color copy of those same PowerPoint charts
- 15 to refer to.
- MR. CHALLY: I'll just state for the
- record that that may be true. You can ask
- whatever questions you want on the document.
  - We'll just reserve an objection to the
- authenticity of the documents involved.
- 21 BY MR. COX:

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- Q. Who is Marion Cherry?
- A. So Marion worked for Santee Cooper. He
- 24 was their on-site representative for the Unit 2 and 3
- 25 project. He was not involved with Unit 1 but on-site
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- 1 representative for the entire time that I was there,2 that five years.
- Q. What kind of interactions did you have
- 4 with Mr. Cherry?
- 5 A. Marion worked mainly with Skip Smith,
- 6 Carlette Walker, that business finance team. Marion
- 7 would attend -- Marion basically had, as a co-owner
- 8 representative, the ability to attend pretty much any
- 9 meeting he wanted to except for a meeting involving
- 10 personnel matters, for example.
- 11 He attended our monthly project review
- 12 meeting. He attended certain meetings that the
- 13 consortium had. Plan-of-the-day meeting, he was
- 14 welcome to attend. He was basically able to attend
- 15 any meeting or opportunity that our folks had, he
- 16 could do that also.
- ${\tt 17} \qquad {\tt Q.} \quad {\sf Did} \ {\sf you} \ {\sf ever} \ {\sf become} \ {\sf aware} \ {\sf during} \ {\sf your} \ {\sf time}$
- 18 on the project that Santee Cooper was concerned about
- 19 the level of progress on construction of the project?
- 20 A. Yes.

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- Q. How did you become aware of that?
- 22 A. I think conversations that I would have
- 23 with Marion or Michael Crosby, primarily. They would
- 24 express concerns when they had concerns.
  - Q. And what were the issues that they were

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- 1 concerned about? Were they the same issues that
- 2 SCE&G was concerned about?
- A. I can't remember any issue that they
- ${\tt 4}\;$  brought up that was different than issues or concerns
- 5 that we already had.
- Q. Did they -- did Mr. Cherry ever express to
- 7 you that -- any concern about SCE&G's responsiveness
- 8 to addressing the concerns on the project?
- A. No.
- 10 Q. Did any other representative of Santee
- 11 Cooper express those concerns?
- 12 A. I don't recall ever having -- and, again,
- 13 it's primarily Marion and Michael that I would have
- 14 had any direct discussion with, any concerns of that
- 15 nature being expressed to me.
- Q. Do you know why Mr. Cherry was forwarding
- 17 you this e-mail?
- A. I'm assuming for awareness. It didn't ask
- 19 for any action or any feedback.
- Q. And did you review the PowerPoint
- 21 attachments to this e-mail at the time you received
- 22 it?
- A. I -- again, I don't recall, it's so long
- 24 ago.
- Q. The page that's labeled -- Bates-labeled

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- 1 954159, if you could turn to that?
- A. I'm not sure which one you're referring
- 3 **to.**
- 4 Q. It's the page with three small charts, one
- 5 on top of the other.
- 6 A. This page?
- 7 Q. That's correct.
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 Q. The top of the chart says: "Target cost,
- 10 62.4 million over EAC basis in five months following
- 11 receipt of EAC."
- Do you agree that this reflects that the
- 13 target cost had gone over the estimate by
- 14 62.4 million in the five months since SCE&G had
- 15 received the EAC?

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- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Well, I understand that
- that's what's trying -- what was trying to be
- portrayed to this. But as far as the basis of
- the numbers there and actual PFs, I will assume
- the actual PFs were the actual PFs.
- But for the actual cost numbers, I don't
- 23 know -- I don't have any backup calculations for
- that site. I don't know. I can't comment on
- those.

- 1 BY MR. COX:
- Q. Okay. What does this chart show about the
- 3 direct craft productivity level between August 2014
- 4 and January 2015?
  - A. It's not improved to what the level --
- 6 what level the consortium was committed to.
  - Q. It's gotten worse, correct?
  - A. Well, you're looking at -- the dots there
- 9 are monthly PFs. The blue line is a cumulative. So
- 10 it's averaged over time. So that's not a direct --
- $11\,$  you can't compare one month to cumulative actual and
- 12 make a conclusion based on that.
  - For example, you could have -- let's say
- 14 there was just the first month there that was higher
- 15 than the cumulative actual. That doesn't mean that
- 16 the cumulative actual now goes up to that number.
- 17 It's averaged in with all the preceding months of the
- 18 preceding years.
- 19 Q. You would agree that none of these actual
- 20 PFs in the time period since the EAC was received was
- 21 improving the cumulative actual PF?
- 22 A. I agree with that, based on the data
- 23 that's shown here.
- Q. And you would agree that the January 2015
- 25 actual PF was the worst of the PFs since August 2014?

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- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- THE WITNESS: That's what this appears to
- 3 show, yes.
- 4 BY MR. COX:

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- Q. There's two other charts below that.
- 6 Would you agree that the ratios in both of those
- 7 charts show that the consortium is not meeting the
- 8 basis on which it made its EAC calculations?
- 9 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 10 THE WITNESS: If I assume that these
- 11 numbers are correct, then that was what that
- would show, that the basis was lower than those
  - numbers actually achieved.
- 14 BY MR. COX:

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- Q. Do you have any reason to believe those
- 16 numbers are not correct?

22 labeled "Total Target Cost."

- 17 A. I don't. I just don't have anything to
- 18 verify it against. So -- and this is coming from an
- 19 e-mail, not that I don't trust Marion or anything
- 20 like that, but I just can't validate it.
- Q. The last page of this exhibit is a chart
- 3 Do you know what this chart depicts?
- A. Well, it appears to be comparing the EAC
- 25 filing number, 1156, against two scenarios. The two

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- 1 scenarios are developed by assuming different PFs and
- 2 different numbers for the craft ratio -- craft
- 3 ratios.

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- Q. And the PF on the chart in the top left
- 5 corner of that page shows a PF during the time period
- 6 of the last five months is 2.27, correct?
  - A. That's what the chart says, yes.
- Q. And you see a target cost curve for that,
- for that information?
- 10 A. For -- I see a Scenario 1, Scenario 2, and
- 11 EAC cost curve. And I see an entitlement cost curve,
- which I'm not sure what that one is.
- 13 Q. Mr. Cherry on -- or I'm sorry --
- 14 Mr. Crosby on the first page of this e-mail states in
- 15 the second-to-last sentence of the first page: "A
- total target cost curve for this data is not shown on 16
- 17 the graph because it would be off the chart."
- 18 Does that indicate to you that Mr. Crosby
- 19 was not even able to depict the target cost curve for
- 20 the actual productivity over the last five months
- 21 because it was off this chart?
- 22 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 23 MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what that
- 25 comment meant. I don't understand his comment.

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- 1 BY MR. COX:
- Q. If you look at the last page, that same
- 3 total target cost curve, would you agree that a curve
- 4 for the actual productivity over that five-month
- period would be higher, would represent a higher
- 6 target cost curve than the Scenario 1?
- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Can you reask the question?
- 9 I'm not sure I followed you on that.
- 10 BY MR. COX:
- 11 Q. Sure. Would you agree that if a cost
- 12 curve was provided for the information regarding
- labor productivity and ratio inputs for the time
- period September '14 to January '15 average, that
- 15 that curve would be even higher on this chart than
- 16 Scenario 1?
- 17 A. So you're asking if an assumption was made
- 18 that PF going forward was going to be 2.27 every
- month? 19
- 20 Q. Correct.
- 21 A. Okay. Yes, it would be higher.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. Sorry. I just didn't quite follow that
- 24 one.
- (Exhibit 8 was marked for identification.)

- 1 BY MR. COX:
- Q. We have labeled as Exhibit 8, Mr. Jones, a
- 3 copy of your testimony, prefiled testimony, submitted
- 4 to the PSC in 2015. Did you review this document in
- preparation for your deposition?
- A. I did.
  - Q. I should have asked this earlier. Are
- there any other documents that you reviewed besides
- your prefiled testimony in preparation for your
- 10 deposition?

## A. I reviewed Gary Jones's recent testimony.

12 MR. CHALLY: Jim, why don't we take a

- break before we get into this. If you want some
- other questions, go ahead.
  - MR. COX: No. Off the record.
  - VIDEOGRAPHER: Off record at 12:57 p.m.
- 17 (A recess transpired from 12:57 p.m. until
- 18 1:10 p.m.) 19
  - VIDEOGRAPHER: On record at 1:10 p.m.
- 20 BY MR. COX:
  - Q. Mr. Jones, we're back from our --
  - A. Before you start, I did want to go back
- 23 and correct. You asked me earlier what I reviewed,
- 24 documents I reviewed prior to today. I did review
- 25 Carlette Walker's testimony in 2015 also. So I

1 wanted to bring that up just to make that complete.

- Q. And other than your testimony from 2015 2
- 3 and Carlette Walker's, are there any other documents
- 4 you reviewed in preparation for your deposition?
  - A. Gary Jones's testimony, which I had
- 6 mentioned before.
- Q. And what was the purpose of your review of
- 8 his testimony?
- 9 A. Just to see what his comments were,
- 10 perspective, that sort of thing. General interest, I
- 11 guess I would say.
- 12 Q. Did you have any interactions with
- 13 Mr. Jones during your time on the project?
- Q. Can you describe what interactions you had 15
- 16 with him?
- A. So Gary was working for ORS when I came on 17
- 18 the project in mid-2012. Gary would make at least
- 19 monthly site visits.
- 20 ORS typically had a small team that would
- 21 be on site for two days, typically -- plant tour,
- 22 meet. We would set up meetings based on their
- 23 request for areas that they wanted to review or ask
- 24 questions on or cover, that sort of thing, and then a
- 25 debrief on the final day.

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#### Page 174 Page 176 Q. And was that an interaction that you 1 incorrect, I certainly would have pointed that out, 2 personally had with him, or was that a group 2 but I can't remember specifically. Did you feel pressured to commit to 3 interaction? A. The -- I would sit in some of the prefiled testimony that you did not believe in? 5 presentations that were being made to Gary and the Α. 6 other folks from the ORS. I would also sit in on the If you could turn to page 10 of your debrief, the final debrief. testimony, there's a question on line 4 which states: "Does SCE&G agree with WEC/CB&I's forecast of Q. From reviewing Mr. Jones's testimony, is there anything in his testimony that you disagree additional cost resulting from delay in the 10 10 with him about? substantial completion dates?" 11 11 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. I'd like to go through your answer. The 12 THE WITNESS: I'd have to have it in front 12 first sentence of your answer, can you go ahead and 13 of me, but in general, I would say he expressed 13 read that first sentence? some opinions in there that I may not 14 A. "Based on discussions with WEC/CB&I's EAC 14 15 necessarily agree with, but I didn't maintain a team, our careful review and analysis of information 16 list of here's what I agree with, here's what I provided and the representations of WEC/CB&I, the 17 didn't. I reviewed it just for general company believes that the revised EAC cost reflects a 18 information. 18 reasonable and prudent estimate of the actual EAC 19 BY MR. COX: cost to be expected for completion of the project Q. He's expressed the opinion that SCE&G's 20 based on the revised substantial completion dates." actions postdating the March 2015 PSC filing were Q. You reference a "careful review and imprudent and that SCE&G should not recover its costs analysis of information provided." 22 for that time period. 23 Whose review are you referring to? 24 Do you disagree with his opinion on that A. I think the cumulative review that the 25 issue? 25 company did on what they presented. Page 175 Page 177 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. Q. And who was involved in that review, 1 2 THE WITNESS: My personal opinion is yes, 2 specifically of the EAC cost information? 3 A. A number of folks were involved. I mean, I disagree with that, not speaking for what the company's opinion might be or anything, but I 4 all the way from the Kevin Marsh level down into my mean personally, when I read it, I didn't agree 5 organization and encompassing, of course, the finance with the logic. 6 organization. 7 BY MR. COX: Q. You would be referring to Carlette Walker Q. Do you believe that SCE&G behaved 8 there? 9 prudently on the project? A. Not just Carlette, but Jimmy Addison and 10 A. I do. 10 Carlette, a team of other folks that reported through 11 Q. So Exhibit 8, your testimony from 2015, 11 her to Jimmy on site. 12 Q. Did you do any careful review of the EAC 12 this is the document that you reviewed before it was 13 13 filed with the commission; is that correct? cost information that was provided by the consortium? 14 14 A. Correct. A. I reviewed it to the best of my ability. 15 Q. Did you make the initial draft of it? 15 Again, I'm not a finance expert, but yes, I reviewed 16 A. No. it to the best of my ability. 17 17 And did you agree with it? Q. And do you know who did that? A. I agreed with it. Like any cost 18 A. The corporate folks did it, attorneys were 18 19 projection or schedule projection, it comes with 19 involved, and I reviewed the initial draft once they 20 had completed it. 20 certain assumptions, but, yeah. 21 Q. Did you make any changes from the initial 21 Q. Are you aware of an SCE&G employee named 22 draft? 22 Kenneth Browne? 23 23 A. I am. A. I can't remember specifically. I reviewed 24 the initial draft thoroughly. If there was something 24 Q. And who is he?

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25 that I thought needed to be clarified or was

So Ken Browne worked for -- technically

#### Page 178 Page 180 1 worked for Skip Smith, who reported to me. Ken was a 1 was -- had a level of accuracy that was suitable 2 2 former Santee Cooper employee, I think retired from for submittal. 3 Santee Cooper. He was employed by us, by SCANA, when BY MR. COX: I arrived in the middle of 2012. Q. And you weren't made aware of any Q. Was he involved in the company's review of 5 disagreement within SCE&G as to whether that the consortium's EAC cost information? consortium EAC cost estimate was the most accurate A. Specific to this filing? 7 estimate of future cost, were you? Q. Correct. There were opinions -- you know, we talked 8 A. I believe so. 9 through some documents here that would say some folks O. What was his role? 10 10 had other opinions, e-mail from Santee Cooper, that 11 A. I don't know that I know his exact role. sort of thing. 12 But, again, I think the basis that SCE&G 12 I mean, between the small business finance group I had and then Carlette Walker's finance group, they 13 had was, okay, they -- while we may have other 13 went through and reviewed it and may have apportioned opinions, they've made a commitment here. They have 14 all the relevant documentation that should have tasks within that combined organization. So I don't 15 16 know specifically what Ken was charged to review. enabled them to give us an accurate schedule and EAC. 17 Q. Are you aware of anyone who reviewed the 17 Q. And is it correct that your testimony did 18 consortium's EAC cost information for accuracy other 18 not reveal to the Commission that there were 19 than Kenneth Browne and Carlette Walker? 19 different opinions within the company as to whether 20 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 20 the consortium's estimate was the most accurate 21 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. estimate of the cost? 22 THE WITNESS: I don't know -- I can't list 22 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 23 the folks that reviewed it. So I don't know. THE WITNESS: So your question is: My 24 testimony doesn't comment on that? It went to those teams to review. And, again, 25 how they decided who was going to review what, I 25 Page 179 Page 181 don't recall. 1 BY MR. COX: 1 2 BY MR. COX: Q. Correct. 3 Q. And you don't recall whether you were 3 That's correct. 4 privy to the briefing that the SCE&G team did of the Do you know why? consortium's estimate that was Exhibit 4, correct? A. I don't know that I know why. I'm not A. Correct. I just can't recall. 6 sure that I know why there would be a need to, Q. There's other names on Exhibit 4 including 7 either. Margaret Felkel, Kevin Kochems, Sheri Wicker, and 8 You feel that the Commission didn't need Kyle Young. Do you know who those individuals are? to know about any disagreement internally in SCE&G 10 A. I do. 10 about the accuracy of the consortium's estimate? 11 Q. And who are they? 11 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 12 12 MR. CHALLY: Same. Most of those belong to the finance team. 13 Kyle Young reported to my organization through Alan 13 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure I can comment 14 Torres. 14 on whether they had a need to know or not. I do 15 15 Q. At the time that you submitted this filing know that whether it was on this project, to the PSC, did you believe that SCE&G agreed with 16 whether it was in my previous career with Duke 17 the revised EAC estimate provided by the consortium? 17 Energy, one of the things that was common in the 18 MR. CHALLY: Objection. Form. 18 Duke culture and the SCANA culture is folks 19 THE WITNESS: I did. You know, Mr. Byrne 19 could openly disagree with stuff and not feel 20 20 and Ms. Carlette's testimony expanded more on any sense of persecution or discrimination 21 that and detailed other thoughts along those 21 against them for not agreeing with a superior or 22 a report or another team or whatever. 22 lines. 23 23 But in general, yeah, we had reasonable So I would expect that folks, whether it's 24 confidence in what they gave us, had some basis 24 this issue we're talking about or whether it's a behind it that would cause us to believe it technical issue relating to the project, if

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1	folks had disagreements or different thoughts,	1	That doesn't mean that we didn't have
2	they would be expressed.	2	questions about it or that our folks might have had
3	BY MR. COX:	3	different opinions, but it seemed reasonable and
4	Q. Is it fair to say that SCE&G in this	4	prudent.
5	March 2015 filing is telling the Commission that the	5	Q. And you say that, even in light of the
6	consortium believes that this is the estimated cost	<mark>6</mark>	fact that the consortium had failed in its commitment
7	to complete the project?	7	to improve the productivity factor in the six months
8	A. I think that's the most accurate way to	8	after it prepared the EAC estimate?
9	state it and that we didn't and likewise, I think	9	A. I think the fact that they did not meet
10	underlying that would be we reviewed that, and there	10	that was not a factor that all of a sudden you you
11	wasn't something that we saw that would say "There's	11	would, could, or should interpret as, well, then
12	no way they can achieve this."	12	therefore, they're not going to meet the schedule;
13	We certainly I think Steve recognized	13	therefore, they're not going to meet the EAC.
14	in his testimony and maybe Carlette in hers that	14	There's still an opportunity for recovery.
15	there were going to be challenges ahead. But I don't	15	Q. At what point, in your view, should SCE&G
16	think that there was anything that that we saw	16	say that the consortium's estimate of PF is
17	that was a fatal flaw that said, "Well, this is not	17	unrealistic and unattainable?
18	going to happen."	18	MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
19	Q. Well, do you think	19	THE WITNESS: I'm not sure I can answer
20	A. <mark>My opinion.</mark>	20	that.
21	Q. Sure. And would you agree that the	21	BY MR. COX:
22	testimony that you provided to the PSC didn't reveal,	22	Q. Let me rephrase the question. Sounds like
23	for example, the \$296 million in Woodlands cuts that	23	you're saying that the consortium's failure to meet
24	the SCE&G EAC team had had found questionable?	24	that commitment of improving PF in six months isn't
25	MR. CHALLY: Object to the question.	25	enough to say that they won't do it in the future.
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1	Page 183 THE WITNESS: That was not in my testimony	1	Page 185  My question to you is: Is there any point
1 2	THE WITNESS: That was not in my testimony	1 2	My question to you is: Is there any point
2	THE WITNESS: That was not in my testimony nor does my testimony go into that level of	2	My question to you is: Is there any point where you say, "We don't trust your commitments on
2	THE WITNESS: That was not in my testimony nor does my testimony go into that level of detail. A lot of my testimony is centered	3	My question to you is: Is there any point where you say, "We don't trust your commitments on this issue"?
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3	A. I'm certain I was because they were group	3	A. So Carlette, again, had been assigned to
4	sessions. It wasn't, "Well, let's have one session,	4	the project before I got there. So when I first met
5	discuss Ron's testimony, and we won't have Carlette	5	her, she had been in the job for some period of time.
6	there, we won't have Steve there," that sort of	6	My impression of Carlette was she was a
7	thing. It was a group group setting.	7	knowledgeable person, but very black-and-white in her
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9	meaning it seems to me like you're saying, "I just	9	something nor variations on answers. It was either
10	would have had to have been."	10	things were right or wrong, yes or no. There's no in
11	And I'm curious whether you have any	11	between.
12	recollection in your mind of having been at a	12	That's not my my typical behavior
13	testimony prep session with Carlette Walker.	13	because as an engineer, one of the first things you
14	A. So a better way to couch it is I can't	14	learn when you get out of school is the only time
15	tell you the dates that those occurred. They would	15	you're going to find a right or wrong engineering
I = I	be on my calendar. They were all group settings	16	answer was the test you took in school. The real
16	except for the initial review that each of us did on	17	world is much different than that.
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18	our draft testimony where we sent comments back to	18	So one of the first interfaces I had with
19	the Corporate folks.	19	Carlette that maybe gives you a little bit of insight
20	But they were all done in group sessions,	20	into her demeanor was in relation to a commercial
21	and I attended all those. So I just can't you tell	21	issue we had with Westinghouse. And we had a process
22	you exactly when those sessions were.	22	then that would, if that couldn't be resolved between
23	Q. And you're certain that a group session	23	Carlette's team and then the Westinghouse team, it
24	happened for every single one of the witnesses who	24	got escalated up to the VPs, myself and the
<mark>25</mark>	testified?	25	Westinghouse VP.
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1 contract was not clear.

Q. Did you in your work have an opportunity to form an opinion about the quality of her job performance?

A. I couldn't really comment on her job
performance because she didn't report to me. So
therefore, I wasn't one that did a performance
review, certainly, nor did I have goals or objectives
for her or things like that. That came from, you
know, Jimmy Addison's organization.

Q. Did you have an opportunity to form an opinion about her character for honesty?

A. I really didn't. I didn't have daily
interface with Carlette. She spent a good amount of
time out at the site, but she also had corporate
responsibilities too. She attended project review
meetings. She attended some of our internal to my
organization meetings.

But if you asked me at the end of working
with her for four-plus years, I didn't have anything
to guide me one way or another about a level of
honesty. That's kind of a big evaluation. I'm not
really comfortable in saying I had a -- a position
one way or the other.

Q. You had never saw her do anything that you

ing that you Page 191

1 viewed as dishonest; is that correct?

A. Nothing dishonest, no.

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Q. And the same questions with respect to Ken Browne. Did you have a chance to observe the quality for Ken Browne's work performance?

A. I did. Well, not from a performance
 review perspective, but he worked for Skip Smith.
 Skip Smith reviewed -- worked for me. So Skip did

9 his performance evaluations.

10 Ken was a very knowledgeable individual.

You know, the only thing I would say about Ken is I think he was pretty much a black-and-white person also. Once his mind was made up on something, it was very difficult to have him change his perspective, even in the face of other opinions being out there.

Q. The same issue that you identified with Carlette Walker?

18 A. Basically.

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Q. Was the quality of Ken Browne's work good?

A. As far as I know. I mean, he got good performance reviews from Skip Smith, who was his

22 direct manager. The meetings that I sat in with Ken,

23 although he was very opinionated, he was obviously a

24 knowledgeable individual.

Q. Is it good for employees to express their

1 opinions?

A. Yes. Very much so. I mean, that's the culture that, again, I lived under at Duke and encouraged there and the same culture we instilled in the Unit 2 and 3 V.C. Summer team.

Q. During your time at the project, did you ver become aware of a time when Ken Browne or Carlette Walker were expressing alarm about the cost in schedule that the project was in?

A. Well, we all, I think, in our meetings,
whether it's a project review meeting, whether it was
a financial meeting or whatever, schedule and cost
were always the forefront of our concerns. So if
folks had concerns or something had happened that
would adversely impact one or the other of those,
then we expected folks to speak up. So, yeah, I

17 mean, I saw them express those opinions at times, 18 yeah.

Q. But you never saw either of them express an opinion that the -- the cost or schedule estimates were inaccurate?

A. They expressed differences in opinion, in my mind, on assumptions, maybe, that were made, that they might have made a different assumption. Whether they called them "Therefore, these are inaccurate," I

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1 don't know, but they certainly expressed differences2 in opinion on certain things.

Q. And I probably should have used the word unattainable."

Did they ever express an opinion that the cost in schedule that was being used was unattainable?

8 A. I can't remember that happening, not to 9 say that it didn't in one meeting. A comment might 10 have been made.

But offhand, that's not -- I didn't view
either of them as, you know, marching through this
project and having a mantra, "This is unattainable,
unattainable, unattainable." That just doesn't
match.

Q. If you could turn to page 11 of your prefiled testimony, there's a question on line 3 that states: "Please explain the decreased productivity and the increase in the staffing ratios in direct craft and field nonmanual associated with the labor cost."

In the second paragraph of your answer, you reference "the historical values experienced on the project."

Why did you reference the historical

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- 1 values experienced on the project?
- A. Well, I think what we were saying there,
- 3 that WEC/CB&I increased their forecast to ratios
- 4 because they went and looked backwards and said,
- 5 "Well, based on the past, we're going to adjust these
- 6 based on what's been achieved so far."
- 7 Q. And is that where the -- this isn't
- referring to productivity factor; is that correct?
- 9 A. Correct. These are ratios.
- 10 Q. Are you stating that the ratios that they
- 11 increased to were the values that had been realized
- 12 in the past?
- 13 A. I don't -- I don't remember whether it
- went to those values or -- or to some number slightly 14
- below that or -- I just don't know without that 15
- 16 detail here.
- 17 Q. That's all I have on that exhibit,
- 18 Mr. Jones.
- 19 Mr. Jones, at some point, did you become
- 20 aware that SCE&G had commissioned an assessment of
- 21 the project by the Bechtel Corporation?
- 22 A. Yes. At some point, I did become aware of
- 23 that.
- 24 Q. How did you become aware of that?
- 25 A. And I can't remember exactly. My guess

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- 1 would be Jeff Archie would have told me that they had
- been contracted to do that.
- Prior to them actually being contracted to
- 4 do that and me being made aware that they had been
- 5 contracted to do that, there had been previous
- 6 discussions within the project leadership level and
- 7 Santee Cooper leadership about do -- well, let me
- back up just a little bit.
- Our contract with the consortium gave us
- 10 the right to bring in an owners' engineer. It was a
- 11 little -- it was in the contract, and that's about
- 12 all it said. "You can bring in an owners' engineer."
- 13 It really didn't talk about scope of what that
- function would do, whether there would be concerns
- 15 about who you brought in, reporting relationship.
- 16 None of that was covered in there.
- 17 So that had been there for a while.
- 18 Santee Cooper, I know, had on some previous occasions
- 19 said, "Well, maybe we need to have an owners'
- 20 engineer." There would be some conversation, most of
- 21 which didn't occur directly with me, but I was aware
- 22 that they had brought that up about, "Well, what
- 23 would that owners' engineer do? What would we hope
- 24 to realize from that?"
- So that's one data point. We had the

1 provision to bring in an owners' engineer.

- The other data point prior to me knowing
- 3 that Bechtel was coming on site to do this was Santee
- 4 Cooper talking about "Well, maybe we need to get a
- 5 Bechtel in here." They had had a previous
- 6 relationship with Bechtel that had performed work for
- 7 them in the past. I think they had felt Bechtel had
- a -- some level of credibility that they felt would
- add some value by coming into the project.
- 10 And then kind of from that, those two
- 11 data -- or those two pieces of information,
- 12 fast-forward to at some point, an agreement was
- 13 reached. I was not part of making that agreement
- 14 between SCANA and Santee Cooper to bring in an
- 15 outsider to do an assessment and that that would be
- 16 Bechtel.
- 17 Q. But that assessment was not to serve as
- 18 the role of owners' engineer; is that correct?
- 19 A. That's correct. You know, owners'
- 20 engineer was not defined in the EPC. But likewise,
- 21 so by not being defined, it really didn't mean, well,
- 22 is this a one-shot deal where you bring somebody in
- 23 to do something, or is it a continuing function that
- 24 you put in place over the life of the project or the
- 25 remainder of the life of the project? It wasn't

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1 defined.

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- You know, I know after the decision was
- 3 made to bring them in, there had been some
- 4 discussions with Westinghouse to try to make them
- 5 aware that Bechtel was coming in and try to engage
- 6 some level of cooperation. That -- I was not privy
- to those discussions. My understanding was that was
- 8 a very challenging discussion because they're
- 9 competitors. Westinghouse and Bechtel are
- 10 competitors.
- 11 Q. Was an owners' engineer ever used on the
- 12 project?
- 13 A. Not per that provision in the EPC. We did
- bring contractors in to do certain functions under
- 15 our organizational structure -- supplemental
- resources, basically -- but we never brought someone
- 17 in to function as a separate owners' engineer
- 18 function or something like that.
- 19 Q. Did it hurt your feelings that Santee
- 20 Cooper had expressed some interest in obtaining an
- 21 owners' engineer for the project?
- 22 MR. CHALLY: Objection.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Didn't hurt my feelings, no.
- 24 BY MR. COX:

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25 Q. I was just wondering if -- it seems to me

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- like you were essentially the person who was on site,in charge of the project full time; is that correct?
  - A. Right.

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- Q. And I was wondering whether you viewed
   Santee Cooper's interest in bringing in an owners'
   engineer as somehow suggesting some displeasure
- 8 A. No. They felt there would be some benefit 9 from that.

You know, the few discussions that I had
been involved in -- I think it was Michael Crosby
maybe mentioned it to me once or twice -- I think I
asked, "Well, what exactly do you want them to do?
Because we're kind of doing the function that another
outside group coming in would do, and it wouldn't
seem to make economic sense to set up two parallel
organizations to do the same thing."

So if we wanted to bring certain resources in to bolster our ability, if you-all feel that that's the need, then we would certainly welcome anyone from Santee Cooper or if there's some outsiders that you would like to have come in to work under our organizational structure so that we're not duplicating effort.

Q. Did you ever hear from Santee Cooper that

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- they felt that they needed someone who had moreconstruction experience to serve as an owners'
- engineer?
   A. They had made mention of more nuclear
- A. They had made mention of more nuclear construction experience, the bottom line. Or my opinion was, you're not going to find it out there as
- 7 far as relevant, current nuclear construction
- 8 experience. Most of that's contained within
- 9 Westinghouse, the constructor, and then the two10 utilities that are building these plants.

Some of this goes back to what I talked
about earlier in that building a plant nowadays
versus 30 or 40 years ago, it's a night-and-day
difference, night-and-day difference from a technical
perspective, from a regulatory perspective, even -even from a perspective of, well, how do you manage
and motivate and guide an organization?

- Q. Did Mr. Archie tell you what the purpose of Bechtel's assessment was?
- A. I'm sure he did in general terms. I can't
- recite those to you, but I knew they were coming on site. They were having a team of X number of folks.
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- They were going to do an assessment of the project.

  I can't remember whether a charter was
- 25 laid out from them or not. There was a contract that

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- was signed with them, which I don't believe I ever
- saw the contract, but I am assuming that that would
- have had laid out in there, "We want you to look at
- 4 this, this, this, and maybe there's some things that
- 5 we don't want you to, you know, spend time on, and we
- 6 don't need you to look at this."
  - Q. Were you told that part of Bechtel's
- 8 assessment was to assess the schedule for the
- 9 project?

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- 10 A. I don't know that I was ever told that.
- Q. Were you told that the purpose --
- 12 A. I knew they were going to be looking at a
- 13 broad perspective on the project, so it would be hard
- 14 to believe that they wouldn't look at schedule at
- 15 some point. But whether that was a specific thing
- 16 that was asked of them, I don't know.
- 17 Q. So you kind of assumed that schedule would
- 18 be assessed as part of the review?
- 19 A. It's kind of hard --
- 20 MR. CHALLY: Objection.
- 21 THE WITNESS: -- kind of hard to separate
- them all.
- 23 BY MR. COX:
- Q. Were you ever told that SCE&G had retained
- 25 Bechtel in preparation for litigation against the

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- 1 consortium?
- 2 A. No. In fact, I never heard that until
- 3 sometime after the project was abandoned, and I think
- 4 it appeared in one of the media articles.
- 5 Q. Did that surprise you when you read that?
- 6 A. No, it didn't surprise me. But it was
- 7 just something that I'd -- and maybe if I had thought
- 8 about it more, I might have made that assumption
- 9 earlier, but I didn't.
- Q. What interaction did you have with Bechtel
- 11 during their assessment?
- A. Mine was pretty limited. We had some of
- our folks dedicated to helping them with logistics,
- lining up people for them to talk to, kind of working
- 15 with Westinghouse and the constructor to try to make
- sure that they had some access to talk to those
- 17 folks.

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- I sat in maybe one of the initial sessions
- 19 when Bechtel came in with their team. But no, I
- 20 mean, we had a lot of other stuff going on at the
- 21 same time. They were doing an independent
- 22 assessment, and I did not try to stick my nose into
- everything they were doing.
- Q. What instructions did you give your team

#### Page 202 Page 204 To cooperate. I mean, we -- we weren't --I think in my -- whatever I presented didn't have any reason to hold anything back from would -- I would try to make a case that you need me. them. So I felt pretty certain our folks would be And I'm not faulting Bechtel for that. I think, you very open with them if they -- if the Bechtel folks know, if I owned a company and somebody invited me to wanted to interview them or whatever. come in and tell them what they were doing wrong, Q. At the end of the assessment, did you feel part of what I would say is, "And here's how I can 7 like your team had been cooperative with them? help you fix it." A. I didn't have anything, data points to the Q. But sitting here today, you don't recall 8 9 contrary. who told you that the meeting was kind of like a 10 Q. Were you interviewed by Bechtel? 10 sales pitch? 11 A. I don't remember if I was or not. It 11 A. I don't. 12 (Exhibit 9 was marked for identification.) wasn't impacting enough for me to remember. That's 13 the only thing I can say. I may have, but I just 13 BY MR. COX: Q. Mr. Jones, I've handed you a document don't remember. 14 14 15 Q. Were you ever provided a written report labeled Exhibit 9. This is entitled the "Schedule Assessment Report" dated February 5th, 2016, Bechtel, 16 from Bechtel of their assessment? 17 A. I was provided a final copy once that was 17 Bates-numbered ORS\_00450277 through -0303. 18 Have you ever seen this document before? issued. I was not provided anything in the interim as far as anything, draft that they had written, any 19 I did see a final report from Bechtel. So 20 I'm assuming part of this, at least, is that final presentations they might have put together. The only time I saw something in writing 21 report. was when it was all said and done and we had -- SCANA 22 There were actually two reports that were had internally received the final document. produced in final form by Bechtel. One was called a Q. So just to confirm, you don't recall being "Project Assessment Report" which detailed various at a meeting where Bechtel presented its -- the findings regarding the project but did not make an 25 Page 203 Page 205 results of its assessment? 1 assessment of the schedule. 2 A. I was not there, and I heard about that 2 That's the one I saw. after the fact. Okay. And this is a separate document 3 that was produced which includes an analysis of the Q. How did you hear about it? schedule. A. I honestly don't remember, and I don't 6 remember how much after the fact it was either, for Okay. And I was wondering whether you also saw that matter. But at some point, I knew that they had 8 presented -- made a presentation. I guess it was to this document at the time it was --A. I never saw this document. I was given a 9 SCANA and Santee combined. 10 Q. Did you get any information about the 10 final report at a point where Westinghouse had 11 substance of that presentation? drafted their final report of observations, that sort 12 A. Not the technical substance of it. I 12 of thing. It had -- I think it was observations. It guess the only anecdotal comment that was made at divided it into observations and needed improvements some point to me was it was like a sales pitch, which 14 or something like that. I can't remember the exact 15 that was not surprising to me. terminology they had used. 16 As I mentioned, Bechtel and, you know, 16 It had gone to SCANA. And I think the Westinghouse, and was it Fluor at that time or still 17 legal folks in Corporate took the lead to start 18 CB&I, I guess, were competitors. They're putting together a matrix to address all the 19 competitors. 19 observations in there. 20 So my personal opinion, if I was Bechtel 20 So what I got was a three-ring binder. It and, gee, I'm going to go into this project which I 21 had the report in it, and then it had the matrix that don't have anything to do with right now and provide SCANA had started putting together to address all the some assessment, then I would have the desire to get 23 things that they pointed out in there as to either 24 some level of job and responsibility out of that. here's what's already being done on that issue. And how would you do that? In some cases, it was this issue is no

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1	longer valid because we've negotiated a fixed-price	1 Those things that we thought demanded some further
2	option with the consortium, so that reduces the risk	2 action, I think it was notated in that matrix.
3	here. In some cases, this is no longer valid because	And as far as I know, we took steps to do
4	there's not infighting between two consortium members	4 whatever it was that was would help improve that.
5	because it's down to one person or one entity, which	But if you're asking for the specifics, I don't know
6	is Westinghouse that holds the contract.	6 those right offhand.
7	That's so we were trying to disposition	7 Q. Okay. But to your recollection, that was
8	all their findings, and that had already been	8 documented on a matrix-type document?
9	partially completed out when I saw it.	9 A. That's my memory of it is, yeah, it was a
10	Q. And sitting here today, do you recall what	10 document. We used that standard matrix to document
11	steps SCE&G took to implement the conclusions from	11 what our evaluation was of what they saw and then
12	the Bechtel project assessment?	12 whether there was an action required.
13	MR. CHALLY: Object to form.	Q. Are you familiar with the term "CORB"?
14	THE WITNESS: Well, again, for a number of	14 A. Yes.
15	the observations, conclusions, whatever they	15 Q. What does that stand for?
16	had, there was really no action required because	16 A. Construction Oversight Review Board.
17	it was either already something ongoing, or it	17 Q. Was that a step that was taken in response
18	had been negated by Westinghouse purchasing	18 to the Bechtel assessment?
19	Stone & Webster from CB&I and that sort of	19 A. So the first CORB meeting happened
20	thing.	20 sometime in the summer of 2016. The Bechtel report,
21	The other comment I would make on their	21 again, was finished earlier on in 2016.
22	recommendations and observations is they came in	22 I think that the CORB, we had been
23	over a six- or seven-week period, and the	23 discussing a CORB even prior to Bechtel coming in.
24	majority of what was in the report was known to	24 We may have put that in as one of the corrective
25	us already. The term I use is they came in and	25 actions also, based on some observation that Bechtel
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#### Page 210 Page 212 1 certain assumptions, is that the Unit 2 and Unit 3 don't know what level of due diligence they went 2 commercial operation dates will extend as follows: through in developing their estimate. 3 For Unit 2, the current COD is June 2019. New COD is O. My point is, based on the work that you 4 December 2020 to August 2021. Unit 3 current COD is and your team performed in 2017, Bechtel's assessment was closer to being accurate than the consortium's 5 June 2020. New COD is June 2022 to June 2023." Did I read that correctly? estimate, wasn't it? 7 A. Uh-huh. A. Meaning Bechtel didn't project it being Q. Is that information that you knew when you completed quicker than the consortium, yes. Is that 9 were working on the project? what you're asking? 10 Q. Let me put it this way: You believe that A. No. I never saw this, this report. And I 11 never saw the schedule that Bechtel -- summary the work that your team did in 2017 was a better 12 schedule, whatever that other stuff is here, that estimate of the schedule to complete the project than 13 they had put together. the schedule that was in place from the consortium at 14 Q. Does it surprise you that you weren't that time, correct? informed that Bechtel had assessed the schedule to 15 A. Postbankruptcy, the work that we did was have an 18- to 24-month adjustment on the commercial 16 based on an intensive effort on our part to look at operation dates that the current schedule had all the assumptions Westinghouse had made that we 18 predicted? weren't able to see before; bring in some industry A. Well, I wasn't -- again, I never received experts to help us with unit rates that were more -this. So, in retrospect, was I surprised? I'm not in some cases more reasonable for a project of this sure "surprised" is the right characteristic. Maybe complexity and that sort of thing. Yes, ours was just a little confused as to maybe why I didn't see 22 better. 23 it. 23 Q. And with that knowledge you had in 2017, 24 Q. Do you feel like it's something that, in 24 looking now at the Bechtel schedule assessment, the your role, you should have been able to have been 25 Bechtel assessment was closer to being accurate than Page 211 Page 213 informed about? 1 Westinghouse's, correct? A. Not necessarily because, again, I don't 2 MR. CHALLY: Object. know -- it -- I find it hard to believe that Bechtel, MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 3 in the short amount of time they were on site, was 4 THE WITNESS: Closer to being accurate? able to come in and redo a schedule. So that would 5 If you mean it came -- it coincidentally have been my feeling at that time. 6 ended up being between Westinghouse's estimate And then that's further supported by me 7 and then the estimate we developed knowing what we went through once Westinghouse 8 postbankruptcy, yes, it was in between those 9 declared bankruptcy. And then we put our own team two. 10 BY MR. COX: together, drawing on Westinghouse and Fluor resources, who were very cooperative postbankruptcy, 11 Q. Would you think that Bechtel's assessment 12 12 was a more accurate assessment of the schedule to in bringing other outside experts in. 13 We had a large team of probably 20 13 complete the project than the schedule that the full-time people plus lots of other folks pulled in 14 consortium had? over the period of months to come up with what we 15 MR. CHALLY: Objection. felt was an accurate schedule and estimate to 16 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 17 completion. 17 THE WITNESS: I don't know that because, And your estimate was very close to 18 18 again, if I was Bechtel and coming in and trying 19 Bechtel's, wasn't it? 19 to do a job -- and the fact that I know Bechtel A. It actually went farther out than 20 20 was only there for five, six weeks, whatever it 21 Bechtel's. 21 was -- there's no way they could have put 22 Q. Bechtel's estimate was closer to SCE&G's 22 together a schedule with any more level of estimate than the consortium's estimate was, correct? 23 accuracy or basis than what was already in A. Right. But, again, if -- I don't know, 24 place. and so I'm not trying to cast a stone at Bechtel -- I 25

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but they were free to come on site any time they

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I don't know the nature -- or I don't remember, even if I did know, the nature of what exactly Westinghouse agreed that they could do or what information Westinghouse would or wouldn't provide them or anything like that.

But I did have some knowledge that Fluor was doing an assessment. That didn't really involve us or our team, and I don't know when they -- which day they started on it and whether they ever got to the point where they finished on it.

- 13 BY MR. COX:
- Q. Your compensation when you were on the project, can you describe how your compensation was structured?
- 17 A. I received a base salary, and then there 18 was a short-term incentive and then a long-term 19 incentive.
- Q. Did you always receive the incentive bonuses for which you were eligible?
- A. Some portion of them, at least, yes.
- Q. Was there ever a portion of them that you did not receive?
- A. There was, but I'd have to go back and

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- look at -- I don't even think I've got records thatwould show which years I did or didn't receive
- 3 100 percent of each.
- Q. It's your recollection that there were some years where you only received a certain
- 6 percentage of the short-term or long-term bonus?
  - A. At least one or more years. I can't
- 8 remember. The goals would change each year. So
- 9 there was at least one year in there, maybe more,
- 10 where I didn't receive all or one or both. I don't
- 11 remember.
- Q. The agreement, the consulting agreement that you have with SCANA now, does it have any
- and you have with bornow, about that any
- 14 provisions in it other than your compensation and the
- 15 work that you could be asked to perform under the
- 16 agreement?
- 17 MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Other provisions such as?
- 19 BY MR. COX:
- Q. Are you required -- are there any other
- 21 requirements on you beyond being available to do
- 22 work?
- A. Well, there's a confidentiality clause in
- $^{24}$  there, for example, some other standard legalese that  $^{24}$
- 25 you'd have in a consulting contract, but nothing

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- 1 exceptional beyond -- beyond that, no.
- 2 Q. Does it prohibit you from talking to or
- 3 talking about the project other than in a legal
- 4 proceeding?
  - A. No.
- 6 MR. COX: I have no further questions.
- 7 Thank you, Mr. Jones.
  - THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 9 MR. ALPHIN: Let's take a break.
  - VIDEOGRAPHER: Off record at 2:11 p.m.
- 11 (A luncheon recess transpired from
- 2:11 p.m. until 3:20 p.m.)
  - VIDEOGRAPHER: On record at 3:20 p.m.
    - EXAMINATION
- 15 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. Good morning -- or good afternoon,
- 17 Mr. Jones. My name is John Alphin. I'm a lawyer at
- 18 the Strom Law Firm. I'm here on behalf of the
- 19 customer plaintiffs.
- 20 Our South Carolina rules require that I go
- 21 of over kind of the background and basis of our
- 22 deposition today and our ground rules.
- And so I'll be asking the questions. If
- 24 there's a question that you don't understand, I ask
- 25 you to direct that to me and not to your attorneys.
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- 1 Do you understand that?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. If, for some reason, you don't understand
- 4 the question that I'm asking, can we agree that
- 5 you'll let me know that you don't understand the
- 6 question, and I'll try my best to rephrase it or
- 7 repeat it. Is that fair?
  - A. That's fair. I'll do that.
- 9 Q. If you can, try to use verbal responses
- 10 because that's the only way our court reporter can
- 11 take them down. Is that fair?
- 12 A. Yes.
  - Q. We've already noted, if you need a break,
- 14 just tell us. We'll be happy to do that.
- 15 A. Right.
  - Q. Do you understand these instructions?
- 17 A. I do.
- Q. You're testifying under oath just as if in
- 19 front -- just as if you were testifying in front of a
- 20 judge. Do you understand that?
  - A. I do.
- Q. Okay. Other than today, have you ever
- 23 given a deposition?
- 24 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Have you ever given testimony under

#### Page 222 Page 224 1 oath? Q. Okay. Other than your attorneys, did you 2 A. I have. speak to anyone about your deposition today? Q. How many occasions? Α. No. A. Probably three prior occasions, prior to 4 Q. Okay. 5 working for SCANA. 5 A. Well, my wife, that I was going to be 6 Q. Okay. Were those while you were at Duke? 6 deposed today. 7 A. Correct. 7 Q. No worries. 8 8 Q. And were those all to the PSC? Were you provided deposition transcripts 9 A. They were. from any of the prior depositions in this matter? 10 Q. Okay. While at SCANA, how many times have 10 A. Just from Gary Jones. 11 you given sworn testimony? 11 Q. Okay. Did you review, other than the 12 A. Once. 12 documents you talked about before, any documents 13 Q. And that was in 2015? prior to your deposition today? A. That's correct. 14 14 A. No. 15 Q. Okay. Who were you employed by? 15 Q. Okay. So just those three documents? 16 A. Who --16 A. Correct. 17 Q. Were you employed by while you were on the 17 Q. Okay. Have you reviewed the complaints in 18 V.C. Summer project? 18 this litigation? 19 A. I was employed by SCANA. 19 A. Other than what's been in the media, no. Q. SCANA Services? 20 20 Q. Okay. What have you seen in the media? 21 A. South Carolina Electric & Gas. 21 A. That there are a number of issues, both 22 Q. On your paycheck, who did it actually say 22 from ORS, PSC, State perspective, civil claimants, 23 it was coming from? Was it South Carolina Electric & that sort of thing, but I honestly haven't kept track 24 Gas, SCANA Services, or SCANA? of the numbers of them or the details of them. 25 25 A. I believe it was South Carolina Electric & Q. Have you seen any articles in the State Page 223 Page 225 1 Gas, but with electronic paychecks, honestly, I never 1 newspaper or in the Post and Courier related to the really looked. 2 V.C. Summer project? Q. Okay. So sitting here today, you cannot 3 A. I have. tell me if you were employed by SCANA Services? Q. Which ones have you seen specifically? 5 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. A. Well, since I left SCANA, that's been my 6 THE WITNESS: I don't believe I was 6 prime source of information as to what was going on 7 employed by SCANA Services. I believe it was 7 with postcancellation of the project issues. So I SCE&G. 8 don't monitor those on a daily basis, but about once BY MR. ALPHIN: 9 a week, I might go back and search just to see if --10 Q. Okay. Without revealing what you talked 10 what may have popped up under SCANA's name. about with your lawyer, what did you do to prepare 11 Q. Did you see an article that had with it 11 12 Carlette Walker's voice mail? 12 for your deposition today? 13 A. Had meetings with my lawyers and reviewed, 13 A. I did. as I identified earlier, Gary Jones's testimony, most 14 Q. Did you listen to the voice mail? 15 recently from a week or two ago, my testimony in the 15 16 2015 proceedings, and Carlette Walker's testimony in 16 Q. Were those concerns that you had heard 17 prior to hearing that voice mail? the 2015 proceedings. 17 18 Q. Approximately how many hours did you spend 18 19 19 preparing for your deposition today? Q. Okay. At any point, were you asked to 20 A. In reviewing material or total time? retain documents or turn over documents as part of 21 Q. Total time, please, sir. 21 this litigation? 22 A. Somewhere between 15 to 20 hours. 22 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. Q. Okay. Do you feel that you're 23 THE WITNESS: I was not asked to retain documents. In fact, the instructions I was 24 sufficiently prepared for your deposition today? 24 25 25 A. Yes. given, along with the other folks that were laid Page: 63 (222 - 225)

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- off from the project, was to leave -- other than
- taking personal effects out of your office,
- 3 leave everything else in your office.
- 4 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. So they were left in your office, but they could have been retained by SCANA?
- 7 A. I don't know what disposition came from 8 those afterwards.
- 9 Q. When was the last day you were actually at 10 the plant?
- 11 A. It would have been the last day of August, 12 last working day of August.
- Q. So from July 31st to August 31st, you
- 14 stayed at the plant?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- Q. And your documents were still at the
- 17 plant?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Do you know what day this litigation was
- 20 filed?
- A. No, I don't.
- Q. You testified earlier that you have a
- 23 degree in engineering from Virginia Tech; is that
- 24 correct?
- A. Correct.

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- Q. Do you have any other degrees or advanced degrees?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Are you a PE?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. In your testimony in 2015, you said you
- 7 were providing expert testimony; is that correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. What area do you feel that you were an
- 10 expert in?
- 11 A. I think by virtue of my experience in the
- 12 industry over the past, including SCANA, 38 years. I
- 13 have experience in operating plants. I have
- 14 experience in construction of plants. I have
- 15 experience in major modifications and maintenance to
- 16 plants. I have experience in leading a seven-unit
- 17 nuclear fleet.
- 18 And I have had experience prior to working
- 19 with SCANA in the -- a year of new plant development
- 20 and then, of course, five years of experience while
- 21 at SCANA.
- Q. Other than in your 2015 testimony with the
- 23 PSC, have you ever provided expert testimony in any
- 24 case?
- 25 A. No.

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- Q. As part of your consulting work now, are you retained to provide expert testimony?
  - A. No.
- Q. Okay. Have you ever done any work, other
- 5 than for SCANA, as it relates to consulting?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Who else have you done consulting work
- 8 for?

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- 9 A. I prefer not to divulge that.
- 10 Q. All right. Have you done consulting work
- 11 for Dominion?
- 12 A. No.
- Q. Okay. As it relates to the V.C. Summer
- 14 project, what were your specific duties and
- 15 responsibilities related to the build?
  - A. So, again, two phases to my
- 17 responsibilities. One would be oversight of the
- 18 actual construction of the units, oversight of
- 19 construction including licensing actions,
- 20 engineering, physical plant construction, component
- $21\,$  procurement and all procurement activities,
- 22 et cetera.
- And then the other major part of my job
- $^{\rm 24}\,$  was building the organization, operate and maintain
- 25 the plant, which meant staffing up from a very small
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- 1 number of folks when I first got to SCANA in
  - 2 mid-2012, increasing from about 100 to over 500 by
  - $^{\scriptsize 3}$  the time the project was canceled.
  - 4 Q. Okay. Did your position include providing
  - 5 truthful information to the public while at SCANA?
  - 6 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
  - 7 BY MR. ALPHIN:

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- 8 Q. Let me rephrase, please.
- 9 Did your position at SCANA include
- o providing truthful information to the public,
- including its customers?
  - MR. CHALLY: Same objection.
- THE WITNESS: So I did not provide
- information from a quarterly earnings
- perspective, things like that.
  - We did have opportunities to interface with the viewing public as being wide open. To interface with members of the public, people that we gave plant tours to, folks that maybe came on site for, you know, I think, like, a career day or something like that.
- So, yeah, I had opportunity to interface with the public in my role as a -- as the VP.
- 24 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. And you felt it was important to provide

#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 232 Page 230 1 truthful information to those people, did you not? A. Kevin Marsh was the chairman and CEO of MR. CHALLY: Objection. 2 SCANA during the time frame I was there. 3 THE WITNESS: That's correct. Q. Did you report to him? BY MR. ALPHIN: 4 Not directly. 5 5 Q. Indirectly? Q. And that included the media, correct? 6 MR. CHALLY: Same objection. 6 A. Indirectly. 7 THE WITNESS: That's correct. 7 Q. And you were in meetings with him; is that correct? 8 BY MR. ALPHIN: 8 9 Q. Okay. Would you agree with me that A. Correct. 10 providing information that is misleading is not 10 Q. On how many occasions do you think you met 11 truthful? 11 with Mr. Marsh while you were at the V.C. Summer 12 12 A. I would agree with that. project? 13 13 A. Trying to think of all the opportunities Q. Would you agree with me that not providing 14 throughout a typical year. 14 relevant information can be misleading and not truthful? 15 I would say at least 20 or more. 15 16 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 16 Q. And on those occasions, did you provide 17 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 17 him updates on what was going on at the plant? 18 THE WITNESS: Can you -- can you rephrase 18 A. During some of those occasions, including 19 the question? those officer team meetings, for example, things like 20 BY MR. ALPHIN: 20 that. 21 Q. I'll be happy to. 21 Q. And there were executive team meetings; is 22 A. Okay. 22 that correct? 23 23 Q. You had just testified that providing A. Executive team meetings also, yes, status 24 meetings. 24 misleading information is not truthful, correct? 25 25 A. That's correct. Q. You participated in executive team Page 231 Page 233 Q. Okay. So my next question is: If you 1 meetings, correct? don't provide -- if you don't disclose relevant 2 A. It was a executive steering team quarterly information, can that be misleading? 3 meeting that we held and -- with Kevin as the MR. CHALLY: Object to form. audience along with Lonnie Carter from Santee Cooper. 5 THE WITNESS: I guess I'd have to ask for Q. What other high-level meetings were there your definition of "relevant." 6 on a regular basis while you were running the 7 BY MR. ALPHIN: V.C. Summer plant? Q. In your words, not mine. Just whatever 8 A. Again, there was an executive steering you view as relevant. 9 committee meeting that happened quarterly. There 10 If you don't provide relevant information, 10 were presidents' meetings, which I participated in 11 can that lead to it being misleading? 11 some of those. These were meetings between --12 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 12 designed for Kevin Marsh, Lonnie Carter, and then the 13 MR. MITCHELL: Same. 13 presidents from the -- from Westinghouse and the 14 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure I know how to 14 constructor at that time to meet periodically to answer it unless you further define "relevant." 15 15 discuss the project. On occasion, I would be called 16 BY MR. ALPHIN: 16 on to make a presentation at those meetings. 17 17 The scope of what you were looking for was Q. Okay. I'll come back to that. I'm going to go through some people that 18 executive-level meetings? 18 19 were out at the V.C. Summer plant and at SCANA, and 19 Q. Yes, sir. A. Trying to think what else. Again, in 20 I'm just going to ask you who they are and did you 20 21 report to them or did you have interaction with them 21 officer team meetings, I provided periodic updates on 22 and then ask you about their duties and 22 the project in officer team meetings that Kevin 23 responsibilities. Is that fair? 23 24 A. Sure. Q. Did you ever have an opportunity to brief

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Who is Kevin Marsh?

25 the board of directors on any of the goings-on at the

#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 234 Page 236 1 project? Sometimes it would be, "Can you give me 2 the latest updated list of milestones for the A. No. Q. Did you provide that information to 3 project?" Mr. Marsh so that he could provide it to the board? So it varied depending on what his needs 5 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 5 were. 6 THE WITNESS: I'm just -- most of the 6 Q. Were you ever asked to provide the status 7 7 of the project to the executive team? time, any information that was requested to go 8 to the board came either directly from Steve A. By "executive team," who do you mean? 9 9 Byrne to me or via Jeff Archie to me. I can't Q. I would assume that the executive team 10 think of an example where Kevin directly asked 10 would be Mr. Marsh, Mr. Byrne, and Mr. Addison. 11 me for information to present. 11 A. So a session, me presenting to the three 12 12 of them? BY MR. ALPHIN: 13 Q. Okay. You mentioned Mr. Byrne. Who is Q. Or anyone else that you would consider to 13 14 Mr. Byrne? 14 be an executive and Mr. Archie, probably, as well. 15 A. So Steve was the chief operating officer 15 A. Well, again during the executive steering 16 for the company, executive VP. 16 committee -- or steering team meetings that involved 17 Q. Did you report to Mr. Byrne? 17 Santee Cooper also, we made -- I made presentations 18 A. Not directly. along with members of my team. Q. Did you have opportunities during your 19 Q. Who was on the executive steering 20 time at SCANA to report to him -- or to meet with 20 committee? 21 him? 21 A. Well, Kevin Marsh, Steve Byrne, Lonnie A. Yes. 22 22 Carter, Michael Crosby. I -- as far as the official 23 Q. You met with him on a regular basis? 23 members, I think that encompasses the official 24 24 members. There were a number of other folks that 25 attended. 25 Q. You provided him with updates regarding Page 235 Page 237 1 the project during your time at SCANA? But I don't know that Jeff Archie was an 2 A. As requested, yes. 2 official member of that team or not, but Jeff, of Q. Okay. Did you provide him information course, was there. that was later turned over to the board regarding the Santee Cooper would typically have Marion status of the project? 5 Cherry, who we spoke of earlier, or maybe someone 6 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. else from Santee there. 7 7 THE WITNESS: This one's not a clear yes And from my side was typically all my 8 8 direct reports. Carlette Walker would be there. or no. Steve would ask for information, and 9 sometimes we would know it would be, well, 9 Legal would be there most of those meetings. I think 10 making a presentation to the board of directors 10 that about covers it. 11 or this is something I need for quarterly 11 Did Mr. Addison attend those meetings? 12 12 earnings or whatever. A. No. 13 But there were other times that Steve 13 Okay. Who is Jeff Archie? 14 asked for information which may or may not have 14 A. He's the chief nuclear officer. 15 gone to other folks. 15 Q. And what were his specific 16 BY MR. ALPHIN: 16 responsibilities and duties as it related to the 17 Q. Was there a certain type of information 17 V.C. Summer project? 18 that he was usually seeking when was asking for that? A. I reported directly to Jeff. Jeff 18 19 A. No. It was a pretty broad range over the 19 reported directly to Steve Byrne. Jeff was also 20 responsible for Unit 1, the operating unit. 20 year. 21 Q. Can you give me some examples? 21 Q. Have you spoken to him since you left the

22 project?

A. I have.

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A. Some information would be as simple as

23 "Okay, I need a picture, physical photograph, of

24 something that I'd like to share in whatever

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25 meeting."

Q. What was your -- subjects of your con- --

25 was there anything related to the project during your

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- 1 conversations with him?
- A. No. I probably -- since I left at the end
- 3 of August last year, I've probably spoken to Jeff
- 4 three times, and all of those prior to February of
- this year, best I can remember.
- Q. And did any of those have to do with what was going on at the plant at the time?
- 8 A. No. Most of those conversations were more 9 centered on personal. How are things going? How's 10 family? Stuff like that.
- Q. Who is Abney Smith?
- A. That's Skip Smith. He's the business and
- 13 finance manager that reported to me.
- 14 Q. And what was his role?
- 15 A. So Skip's role and the role of Carlette
- 16 Walker's organization, the finance organization that
- 17 reported to Corporate, were frequently intermingled
- 18 in that they shared a lot of responsibilities back
- and forth, but they were focused on the business
- 20 aspects of the project: The payments, billings,
- 21 progress payments, things like that.
- Q. But he reported directly to you; is that
- 23 correct?
- A. He did.
- Q. Okay. Who is Alan Torres?

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- 1 A. Alan Torres is the general manager of 2 construction that reported directly to me.
- 3 Q. What was his role?
- A. So Alan and his organization were
- 5 responsible for the day-to-day oversight of
- ${\ }^{\mbox{\scriptsize 6}}$  activities on site, both from participating in
- 7 plan-of-the-day meetings with consortium leadership
- 8 to his folks being out in the field actually laying
- 9 eyes on work in progress to being involved in issues
- 10 as they popped up in trying to understand those
- 11 issues.
- And Alan also had responsibility for
- 13 residents that we placed at some of the fabricators
- to monitor progress for, in most cases, module
- 15 fabrication that were located in different areas.
- Q. You mentioned the various sites and that
- 17 you-all had monitors -- or that SCANA had monitors in
- 18 place. Do you know approximately what time period
- 19 those monitors went into place?
- 20 A. I believe Lake Charles, Louisiana was the
- 21 first one that we placed a full-time monitor at. And
- 22 my guess, it would be 2013 or 2014 that we first
- 23 placed a full-time monitor there.
- Now, prior to having full-time monitors,
- 25 not only for those facilities that we placed them at,

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- 1 we would send folks out to periodically inspect
- 2 whether it was a quality audit or management
- 3 inspection or just Alan sending a team out to take a
- 4 look at what was going on at different fabricators,
- 5 component manufacturers.
- ${\tt G}$   $\,$  Q. What part of the plant was coming from
- 7 Lake Charles, Louisiana?
  - A. Structural modules.
- 9 Q. And was that one of the main critical
- 10 paths in the plan to getting the plant complete?
  - A. Yes.

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- 12 Q. And when did you first become aware of
- 13 issues with the structural modules coming out of
- 14 Lake Charles?
- 15 A. I had awareness of issues with
- 16 Lake Charles prior to even working with SCANA. Since
- 17 I did nuclear development for Duke, during my last
- 18 year there through 2011, I became aware of some of
- 19 the start-up problems they were having at that
- 20 facility.
- Q. So they began doing work in 2010 or 2011.
- 22 Is that your best understanding?
- 23 A. They actually -- well, they began doing
- 24 work as far as setting up the facility. I don't know
- 25 exactly when that started. It may have been as early

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- 1 as 2009 or even 2008 that they started doing that.
- 2 They didn't go into fabrication mode, though, until
- 3 sometime in 2011 if I'm remembering correctly.
- 4 Q. Okay. And you became aware of issues that
- 5 they were having in 2011; is that correct?
- A. During my previous role at Duke.
  - Q. Okay. Do you know if -- based on your
- 8 experience at SCANA, do you know if SCANA had that
- 9 same knowledge?

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- 10 A. I feel -- I know they did. Again, during
- 11 my final year at Duke, I chaired the APOG working
- 12 group between the five different utilities that were
- 13 either committed to build or interested in building
- 14 the AP1000 design. So there was a lot of information
- shared back and forth, and SCANA was well aware of
- the challenges that Lake Charles was having in
- the chancinges that Early chance has having
- 17 starting up.

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- Q. But even with those issues ongoing, it was
- 19 another two or three years before SCANA put a
- 20 full-time employee on the ground to monitor what was
- 21 going on at Lake Charles?
- 22 A. It may have been that long. Again, I
- 23 don't remember the exact date.
  - Q. Okay. You mentioned "APOG."
- 25 What is that?

#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 242 Page 244 1 A. It's the AP1000 owners group. 1 the chair of APOG? 2 Q. Okay. Did you all have meetings as it 2 A. Yes. 3 related to those? Q. Okay. While you were at SCANA, did you A. We did. 4 also send e-mails related to APOG through your SCANA 5 Q. Do you know if minutes of those meetings e-mail account? 6 were kept? A. Yes. 7 A. Not so much minutes of the meetings, but 7 Q. We mentioned earlier Ken Browne, but did 8 for each of the different functional committees under 8 he report to you? 9 A. No, not directly. He reported to Skip APOG, we basically used, like, a four-box chart that would chart issues, resolutions, open items, things 10 Smith. 11 like that. 11 Q. Okay. And Skip Smith reported to you? 12 12 Q. How often did the APOG group meet? Correct. 13 Q. So he was an indirect report? A. We met every four to six weeks, and then 13 14 the subcommittees would have meetings in between. 14 Correct. 15 But you still supervised his work; is that Q. And for how long did these meetings every 15 Q. 16 four to six weeks take place? 16 correct? 17 17 A. Skip Smith directly supervised his work. A. Are you asking me the duration of each 18 I was aware of products that he would develop that 18 meeting? 19 Q. No, sir. I was asking how long did APOG 19 Skip would share with me. I was aware of Skip's 20 exist? 20 performance evaluation of Ken. 21 A. Oh, how long did it exist? So APOG was 21 Q. Okay. And what were Ken's duties and 22 created prior to me moving into nuclear development 22 responsibilities at the V.C. Summer project? 23 at Duke. So I think it was around the 2009 time 23 A. So, again, Skip was part of the business 24 frame, and APOG continued to exist up until the 24 and finance area, and those functions were shared 25 project cancellation. 25 between Skip's group and then Carlette Walker and her Page 243 Page 245 Q. And where would the records of that APOG 1 group. I can't exactly list what Ken's group be held? responsibilities were. 3 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 3 Q. Was Ken someone whose opinion you valued? THE WITNESS: I don't know. 4 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. BY MR. ALPHIN: 5 THE WITNESS: I think Ken was an Q. Do you know who houses those documents? 6 intelligent person and was free to express his 7 A. I don't. 7 opinion and did so. I value all folks' 8 Q. Okay. Where did those meetings take 8 opinions. 9 9 place? The whole culture that we built in that 10 A. They took place -- each of the utilities 10 organization at SCANA and then I had built in 11 would sponsor a meeting, so it would take place --11 previous organizations at Duke was to be very 12 usually, if it was Vogtle or V.C. Summer, it would 12 open, honest, share your thoughts, share your 13 take place at the actual sites. The other three 13 opinions, there's no wrong answer kind of thing. utilities, of course, weren't building at the time, 14 BY MR. ALPHIN: 15 so it would be typically in or near their corporate 15 Q. So you can make sure you had the best 16 offices. 16 available information in making decisions? 17 17 Q. Was most of the coordination for these A. Correct. 18 meetings done through e-mail? O. Who is Kevin Kochems? 18 19 A. Yes. 19 Kevin Kochems worked for Carlette. 20 Did he report to you in any way? 20 Q. And did you use your e-mail through SCANA 21 to coordinate those meetings? 21 Α. 22 A. Well, I need to clarify. I was the chair 22 Q. Did you have any knowledge of his work

23 product?

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Q. Did you use your Duke e-mail when you were 25 have meetings with the business finance folks

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24 once I came to SCANA.

23 of APOG when I was with Duke. I did not chair APOG

A. I did. Similar to Ken Browne, I would

#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 248 Page 246 1 periodically and had an opportunity to see, really, 1 A. Okay. 2 all those folks perform their jobs. 2 Q. From August of 2012 to July of 2017, who Q. And they were good at what they did? was the most knowledgeable person that SCANA related to the new nuclear development? A. I felt they were good at what they did. 5 Q. Who is Kyle Young? 5 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 6 A. Kyle Young was our manager of 6 MR. CHALLY: Same. THE WITNESS: I'm not -- I guess I'd have 7 7 construction. He reported to Alan Torres, general manager of construction, who reported to me. 8 to ask you to help me understand what you mean 9 Q. Do you know if Kyle is still with SCANA? 9 by "most knowledgeable." That's a pretty broad 10 A. I believe he is. I don't know that for 10 area you're talking about. 11 sure. Kyle was staying and helping lead the 11 BY MR. ALPHIN: continued demobilization efforts. 12 Q. Who is the person that was -- if you had 13 Q. You mentioned Roosevelt Ward earlier; is 13 one person to choose as to what is going on at the 14 that correct? plant, who would that person be to get the most 15 A. Roosevelt Word, W-O-R-D. information out of? 15 16 Q. Word. Sorry. Who is Mr. Word? 16 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 17 A. He was the manager of the performance 17 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. THE WITNESS: I think there was a -- a 18 improvement group. 18 19 Q. And what is the "performance improvement 19 number of folks you could draw on for that. We shared information back and forth freely within 20 group"? 20 21 A. So under his group would be what is called 21 my organization. 22 the Corrective Action Program. All nuclear --22 So for general construction status, there 23 commercial nuclear facilities have a corrective 23 was a couple folks we already talked about, 24 Alan, Kyle. There's myself. And there's many action program that is used to document -- anyone can 25 other folks that could give valid information on initiate a corrective action issue or report. Page 249 Page 247 It's a process for addressing those 1 1 any of the issues. 2 BY MR. ALPHIN: 2 issues, you know, deciding resolutions to them, closing those issues out. 3 Q. Did you have one person that you It's a very important part of a good considered as the go-to person? 5 nuclear safety culture for both an operating plant 5 A. For? and a plant under construction. Q. Construction. Q. Do you have any awareness of any of the A. Well, Alan was the general manager of other engineers on Alan Torres's or Kyle Young's 8 construction. So, yes, he was the person I primarily 9 9 held accountable for knowing the status of what was teams? 10 going on on the site. 10 A. Any --11 Q. Of the engineers that work for them? 11 Q. Okay. Prior to 2017, were you involved in 12 A. I'm not sure what you mean by "awareness." 12 any conversations including e-mails regarding 13 Q. Do you know their names, what they do? abandonment? 14 A. Oh, yes. 14 A. No. 15 15 Q. Can you give me some of those people's Q. Okay. When did you first become aware of 16 names? 16 abandonment? 17 17 A. For Alan or Kyle's team? MR. CHALLY: Object to form. You mean the intention to abandon? 18 18 Q. Both. Yes, sir. 19 MR. ALPHIN: Yes. A. Geez. I have to dig through my memory 19 20 THE WITNESS: Post Westinghouse 20 banks now. 21 So Ryder Thompson was one. Jason -- I 21 bankruptcy, the potential for abandonment 22 can't remember his last name offhand. I'd have to 22 existed without even me being told that. 23 But at some point in there, we started search my memory banks. I'm sorry. 24 Q. That's fine. We will come back to that 24 discussing what the cost would be to abandon the

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project.

25 before the end of the depo.

#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 250 Page 252 1 BY MR. ALPHIN: 1 an amendment to the EPC in 2012. Is that your Q. Do you know if any discussions regarding 2 understanding? 3 abandonment took place in 2014 as part of the EAC? A. I can't remember. I'd have to go back and A. I was not party to any discussions, no. 4 look at the amendments. 5 Q. Okay. Do you know who was involved in the 5 Q. Okay. How many different amendments were 6 selection of the members of the EAC team? 6 there, if you know? 7 A. Which EAC team are we talking about? 7 A. I cannot remember. Okay. Was there an amendment done in 8 Q. That's a good point. How many different 9 2015? EAC teams have there been? 10 A. I don't know. 10 A. So, again -- again, for accuracy, I would 11 Q. Do you know of any EAC team in 2014? 11 have to go back and look at the amendments as to A. If it's referring to the PowerPoint that 12 exact dates. 13 was presented as an earlier exhibit, that was -- I 13 Q. What, if any, role did you play in the 14 amendments of the EPC? think on the title page of that characterizes the EAC A. I did not write the amendments of the EPC. 15 team report-out. 15 16 Q. Okay. Do you know of any other EAC teams 16 I would give input into, for example, the amendment 17 that covered the fixed-price option, provided input 17 that were assembled while you were at SCANA? 18 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 18 to our team as we developed what we wanted out of 19 THE WITNESS: None come to mind currently, 19 that. 20 no. 20 Q. So other than the fixed-price option, were 21 BY MR. ALPHIN: 21 you involved in the negotiations or input as it 22 Q. Okay. Was an EAC team assembled in 2017 22 relates to any of the other amendments? 23 following the Westinghouse bankruptcy? 23 A. I was involved in some of the other 24 A. Yes. 24 amendments -- amendments to one degree or another, 25 Q. Okay. Other than the two we've just 25 but it wasn't like every time an amendment came up, Page 251 Page 253 1 mentioned, are you aware of any other EACs that were 1 there was a direct role that had to be fulfilled by 2 completed either by Westinghouse or by SCANA? 2 me. A. Well, the only one that I was not directly 3 Q. Was your largest part of involvement in 4 aware of, but, again, there was a change in 4 the fixed-price option contract -- amendment? 5 completion dates and costs that -- in the 2012 A. Was -- I'm sorry? 6 proceedings, which I was not a part of. That all Q. Was your largest involvement in the occurred before I came to SCANA. 7 negotiations of the amendments related to the Q. When you came on board with SCANA, were 8 fixed-price option? 9 9 monthly EACs being provided from Westinghouse to A. I think so because it was a pretty broad, 10 SCANA? 10 encompassing option. 11 A. Monthly EACs? 11 Q. Have you reviewed the 2009 PSC order? 12 12 A. 2009? Q. Yes, sir. 13 A. I don't know. 13 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. Q. Okay. Do you know if it was standard 14 BY MR. ALPHIN: 15 operating procedure for the consortium to provide 15 Q. That authorized SCANA to proceed forward 16 EACs on a regular schedule? 16 with the V.C. Summer project? 17 A. I'm trying to think back with all the 17 A. I don't remember reviewing it in detail. 18 correspondence we got about the project relating to 18 I do remember that I -- I reviewed it to some degree cost and schedules. There may have been. I just 19 when I worked for Duke. 20 can't say for sure. 20 Again, since I was being assigned a new

22 review the 2008 EPC?

Q. Okay. In your role at SCANA, did you

A. I did a review of it and had it explained

24 to me when I first started with SCANA in 2012.

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21 plant development there and we were looking ahead

23 with both the North and South Carolina Public Service

22 towards, if we chose to go forward, needing to file

24 Commission, but I think that's the only time I ever

25 looked at that.

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#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 254 Page 256 Q. Okay. While you were at SCANA, was that a Q. Okay. Which entity was responsible for governing document for your moving forward at SCANA? quality assurance at V.C. Summer? MR. CHALLY: Objection. 3 A. The --MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 4 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 5 BY MR. ALPHIN: 5 THE WITNESS: -- the entities for quality 6 Q. Let me rephrase that. It was a bad 6 assurance were contained within Westinghouse and question, and I apologize for that. 7 the constructor. We had responsibility for While you were at SCANA, was that a 8 oversight of their quality assurance program. governing document in making -- in your 9 BY MR. ALPHIN: 10 decision-making process? 10 Q. How about who was -- which entity was 11 MR. CHALLY: Same objection. 11 responsible for quality control at V.C. Summer during 12 12 the project? THE WITNESS: I'm not -- I'm not sure what 13 you mean by that. It was certainly a --13 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. something we had to comply with, if that's what MR. MITCHELL: Same. 14 14 you mean. 15 THE WITNESS: The consortium was 15 16 BY MR. ALPHIN: 16 responsible for quality control, ensuring that 17 the program was set up to meet applicable Q. To your recollection, based on your review 17 of the 2009 PSC order, did it set forth specific 18 regulatory standards, to cover both construction duties and responsibilities for SCANA and/or SCE&G as 19 on site, and fabrication and construction off it related to the V.C. Summer project? 20 20 site of components for the plant. 21 MR. CHALLY: Objection to form. 21 BY MR. ALPHIN: 22 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 22 Q. Okay. Are you aware if that's what it THE WITNESS: The 2009 order? 23 23 says in the 2009 order? BY MR. ALPHIN: 24 24 A. I don't know what it says in the 2009 25 Q. Yes, sir. 25 order. Page 257 Page 255 A. Again, I reviewed it briefly when I was at 2 Duke, and I really can't comment on the content of it 2 the planning, licensing, design, and engineering or my memory of that. 3 services for V.C. Summer project? Q. When you came on board at SCANA, that 4 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. wasn't something that they focused on or briefed you MR. CHALLY: Same objection. on? 6 THE WITNESS: So your question was for

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- 7 A. Not the specific order, no.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- A. I was aware of the order and the general 10 commitments in it, but it was not an intense briefing 11 on it, no.
- 12 Q. Okay. While you were at SCANA, who was 13 responsible for the construction at V.C. Summer? 14 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 15 THE WITNESS: The consortium was 16 responsible for it. They had made the 17 commitment to us through the EPC to design, 18 procure, construct, and bring to the point of
- 1 9 operation two new units.
- BY MR. ALPHIN: 20
- 21 Q. Were there any other entities that were 22 responsible for the construction at V.C. Summer?
- 23 A. I think SCANA had a responsibility, of 24 course, being the folks that -- that we were the ones
- 25 that were contracting the consortium through the EPC.

- Q. Okay. Who was responsible for overseeing
- 7 overseeina?
- 8 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 9 Q. Yes, sir. Which entity was responsible 10 for overseeing the planning, licensing, design, and 11 engineering services for the V.C. Summer nuclear 12 plant?
- 13 MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- 14 THE WITNESS: So my organization was
- 15 responsible for oversight.
- 16 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 17 Q. Okay. Who was responsible for the 18 acquisition, procurement, construction, testing,
- start-up, and preoperational turnover for the units
- 20 at the V.C. Summer project?
- 21 MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 22
- 23 THE WITNESS: Who was responsible for --
- 24 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. Yes.

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1	A performing that? That would be the	1	A. Uh-huh.
2	consortium.	2	Q. And then you go through all the
3	Q. Okay. And who was responsible for the	3	obligations of SCE&G as it relates to the new
4	oversight of what in the consortium?	4	nuclear; is that correct?
5	MR. CHALLY: Object to form.	5	A. Correct.
6	THE WITNESS: Our organization was, SCANA.	6	Q. And those would be all the items that I
7	BY MR. ALPHIN:	7	just went over with you; is that correct?
8	Q. And that was your team, correct?	8	A. You didn't cover all of them, but some of
9	A. Correct.	9	those, yes.
10	Q. Who was responsible for conducting quality	10	Q. But the ones I did ask you about are all
11	assurance and quality control audits?	11	covered in this testimony; is that correct?
12	MR. MITCHELL: Objection.	12	A. Construction and engineering oversight of
13	MR. CHALLY: Object to form.	13	the project, QA/QC oversight, both on site and at
14	THE WITNESS: So both Westinghouse and the	14	suppliers' locations worldwide.
15	constructor were responsible for their own QA/QC	15	Q. And it goes on and on, correct?
16	programs. They had responsibilities from a	16	A. Uh-huh.
17	regulatory perspective to do periodic audits of	17	Q. And these are all responsibilities of
18	those. We also did oversight of those programs.	18	
19	BY MR. ALPHIN:	19	A. Correct.
20	Q. Okay. And that goes to my next	20	Q. Okay. Did SCANA implement or did SCE&G
21	question is: Who was which entity was responsible		implement a risk assessment methodology for use at
	for the supervision of the construction?	l	the V.C. Summer project?
23	MR. MITCHELL: Objection.	23	A. Yes.
24	MR. CHALLY: Object to form.	24	Q. What risk assessment methodology was used
25	THE WITNESS: I need you to define		at the plant?
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1	"supervision of the construction."	1	
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			A. I'm not a risk assessment expert. There
2	BY MR. ALPHIN:	2	was a corporate risk assessment function that was
2	BY MR. ALPHIN: Q. I'm quoting directly from your 2015	2	was a corporate risk assessment function that was used, but I really didn't have firsthand knowledge of
2 3 4	BY MR. ALPHIN: Q. I'm quoting directly from your 2015 testimony. So whatever you meant by it in your 2015	2 3 4	was a corporate risk assessment function that was used, but I really didn't have firsthand knowledge of that.
2 3 4 5	BY MR. ALPHIN:  Q. I'm quoting directly from your 2015 testimony. So whatever you meant by it in your 2015 testimony, I'm happy to rely on that.	2 3 4 5	was a corporate risk assessment function that was used, but I really didn't have firsthand knowledge of that.  Q. And who at SCE&G and/or SCANA would have
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- A. So I guess I have to ask for clarification on what you mean, "Was the critical path ever
- 3 updated?"
- Q. Was the critical path ever changed or the timing as it relates to the critical path ever
- 6 updated while you were at SCANA?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And on how many different occasions did
- 9 that occur?
- A. Well, it occurred for the 2015 hearing. I
- 11 think that's it --
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. -- unless I'm forgetting something.
- 14 Q. To the best of your knowledge,
- approximately how many items were on the critical path?
- 17 A. I don't know. I can't recall.
- 18 Q. Was it tens, hundreds, thousands, tens of
- 19 thousands?
- A. Well, typically, a critical path is a
- 21 single line drawn from beginning to end and excludes
- 22 every other activity that's going on. I rarely
- 23 looked at just the critical path because there's
- 24 always stuff that's near critical path, so I can't
- 25 give you an estimate.

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- I would say it's certainly more than ten.
  It may be around a hundred, but I don't have direct
- <sup>3</sup> recollection.
- Q. Would you agree with me that those were
- 5 the most critical items from the start to finish to
- 6 complete the project?

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- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I have to qualify my answer
- 9 in that the accurate critical path can change
- over a project. So, therefore, something that
- wasn't on critical path could become on critical
- path at some other point.
- 13 BY MR. ALPHIN:
  - Q. Can you explain that to me, please?
- A. It may -- well, as I mentioned, there are
- 16 things that are critical path -- this is true for
- 17 operating plant refueling outages -- critical path,
- 18 and then there's near critical path.
- 19 Typically, you monitor critical path very
- 20 closely. You monitor near critical path very closely
- 21 also because any slippage in those can all of a
- 22 sudden put one of those in the critical pathway.
- Q. Would you agree with me that once a
- 24 deadline is missed on the critical path, it's very
- 25 difficult to make that time up?

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- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 2 THE WITNESS: No.
- 3 BY MR. ALPHIN:
  - Q. And then how would you go about making
- 5 that time up?
- 6 A. You employ mitigation strategies. And
- $^{7}\,$  depending on what it was that was missed and why it
- 8 was missed, you look at your opportunities to either
- 9 pull back the overage that that's causing, adjust the
- 10 activities that follow that activity to make up for
- 11 the loss in time. There's a lot of different things
- 12 you can do.

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- Q. How would you define "critical path"?
- 14 A. Well, critical path, you start any project
- out with a critical path in mind. And these are the
- 16 things that you expect, due to the sequence that they
- 17 have to be accomplished, that are going to drive the
- 18 overall length of whatever that project is.
- 19 Q. Is it usually the shortest path from start
  - . . . . . .
- 20 to finish?
- A. It is the shortest path, shortest path from start to finish.
- Q. So if there's something on the shortest
- 23 Q. So it there's something on the shortest
- $24\,\,$  path from start to finish that has to be complete
- 25 before you can move on to the next item, that can
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## 1 affect the critical path, correct?

- A. Correct.
- Q. And that can also affect the timing of the
- 4 project, correct?
- 5 A. It can. But, again, it all depends on
- 6 whether or not it can be mitigated.
- Q. Did delay in items at the nuclear plant
- 8 cause delays in the critical path that related to the
- 9 V.C. Summer project?
- 10 A. There were items that were potentially
- 11 going to impact critical path. And then certainly as
- 12 an example in 2015 in our filing, reference modules
- 13 contributed to delays there that affected critical
- 14 path.
- Q. Was the shield building part of the
- 16 critical path?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Were delays in the shield building
- 19 construction causing problems with the critical path?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Were the -- was the consortium
- 22 missing deadlines as a result of issues with items on
- 23 the critical path?

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- A. Can you restate the question?
- Q. Items on the critical path usually are

#### Page 268 Page 266 1 tied to dates and the schedule; is that correct? Industrial had picked up considerably. A. That's correct. 2 BY MR. ALPHIN: Q. Okay. Were there items on the schedule O. But you lost a substantial amount of time 4 that were built into the critical path that this prior to that, correct? 5 consortium were missing -- the deadlines that they A. There was time lost prior to that. 6 were missing? 6 Q. Would you agree with me that it was a A. There were deadlines that were missed, 7 substantial amount of time? 7 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 8 yes. 8 9 9 Q. That related to the critical path? MR. CHALLY: Same. THE WITNESS: Define "substantial," and 10 10 11 Q. Okay. And what was SCANA's response when 11 maybe I can --12 those deadlines were missed? 12 BY MR. ALPHIN: 13 A. We worked with the -- well, first off, we 13 Q. More than 180 days? pointed out -- we rarely got surprised by something A. I'd have to go back and look at all the 14 14 15 that was missed. We started raising concerns as 15 details. Again, we changed -- we submitted new 16 things slipped. 16 completion dates as part of the 2015 proceedings. 17 17 I'd have to go back and look and see exactly what the Got to the point where it all of a sudden 18 breakdown was as to what caused which, how many days 18 was going to impact critical path, and our focus was to make sure the consortium was looking for were caused by each one. Q. Okay. As part of the update that happened 20 opportunities to make up that time and not have it 20 21 impact the overall critical path. 21 in -- with Westinghouse that started, I think, in 22 22 2013 and was -- led to your filing in 2015, was the Q. Did the consortium actually make up that 23 time? 23 critical path discussed and updated? 24 24 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. A. In some cases, yes. There was mitigation 25 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I missed some 25 activities you could put in place to make it up. Page 269 Page 267 Q. As it relates to the structural modules? aspect of the question there. It wasn't making 1 1 A. No. The structural modules -- again, in 2 sense to me. 3 the 2015 filing, we pointed out that the dates had 3 BY MR. ALPHIN: Q. Okay. We've been discussing critical 4 extended out for commercial operation because of 5 structural module delays. path, correct? Q. Okay. And did those structural module 6 A. Right. Q. And you said -- you testified earlier that 7 delays continue? A. It got much more predictable as time went 8 the critical path was reviewed and updated on a 9 regular basis, correct? 9 on and as the impact of dispersing that work between 10 10 different fabricators really came into play. And A. Right. 11 they picked up the pace and started delivering in a 11 Q. Okay. As part of the EAC review that came 12 12 from Westinghouse to SCANA and then SCANA's review of predictable manner. 13 Q. Were they still running behind schedule? 13 that, and then there was also a schedule; is that 14 A. At what point in time? 14 correct? 15 15 A. Is that the review that came in 2014? Q. Even after 2015? 16 16 O. Yes, sir. A. In some cases, yes. 17 17 A. Okay. Q. Okay. How about as it relates to the Did that review start in 2014, or was it 18 shield building? Were they running behind schedule 18 19 actually requested in late 2013? 19 as well? 20 20 A. I don't recall when it was requested. MR. CHALLY: Objection. 21 THE WITNESS: As best I can recollect, 21 Q. Okay. 22 when Westinghouse filed for bankruptcy, the 22 A. It was delivered. We'd have to go back 23 shield building was still on critical path. I 23 and look at the exact date, but in 2014. 24 don't know that we were losing any more time on Q. Okay. Can you give me specific examples that because the production rate at Newport News 25 of items that were on the critical path that fell

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- 1 behind schedule that were ultimately made up and
- 2 completed on time?
- A. Not off the top of my head, no.
- Q. Okay. If you'll go to the exhibit that's
- 5 the V.C. Summer Target and Estimate Update, I think
- 6 it's attached to an e-mail.
  - A. I'm sorry, what exhibit number is that?
- 8 Q. That one right there.
- 9 A. This one here?
- 10 Q. No, it's the one that has the big paper
- 11 attached to it that folds out. That one right there.
- 12 What exhibit number is that for the
- record, please, sir? It says --13
- 14 A. Exhibit 3.
- 15 Q. All right. Looking at Exhibit 3, is that
- 16 what you have in front of you, sir?
- 17 A. It is.

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- 18 Q. If you'll turn to page 8, please, sir?
- 19 A. 8 in the PowerPoint presentation?
- 20 Q. Yes, sir, 8 in the PowerPoint
- 21 presentation. And then if you'll look at the first
- 22 hash -- or the first dash. It deals with critical
- 23 path; is that correct?
- 24 A. Yes. It starts with "The critical path
- 25 proceeds through."

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- Q. Yes, sir. Will you read that into the 1
- 2 record?
- A. "The critical path proceeds through shield
- 4 building wall panel deliveries from NNI into erection
- 5 of the shield building walls and installation of the
- 6 air intake structure, shield wall tension ring, top
- 7 hat, shield building roof, and setting of the PCS
- 8 tank module on the roof. The path continues to
- 9 operational testing through fuel load, continuing
- 10 through power ascension, 100 percent power, and ten
- 11 substantial completion."
- 12 Q. Is that the critical path that we were
- 13 discussing earlier?
- 14 A. I'm not -- we have had a lot of
- 15 discussions, so which "discussing earlier" are we
- 16 talking about?
- 17 Q. The critical path that was amended in 2014
- 18 and then ultimately in a schedule update that was
- 19 completed in 2015.
- 20 A. This is -- as part of our proceedings in
- 21 2015, this is the critical path at that time.
- 22 Q. Were there any other additional items that
- 23 you're aware of that is not listed in this e-mail
- 24 that are part of the critical path?
- MR. MITCHELL: Objection.

- MR. CHALLY: Same.
- 2 THE WITNESS: Any --
- 3 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. Are there other items that needed to be
- 5 completed that were on the critical path that are not
- 6 mentioned in this PowerPoint slide?
- 7 A. I'd have to go back and look at what the
- critical path schedule looked like at that time. We
- 9 had not -- I'm trying to think back -- in 2015, we
- 10 had not yet started assembly of the shield building
- 11 as best I can remember. So there may be other
- 12 critical path items leading up to this being the
- 13 critical path. I just -- I don't know offhand.
- 14 Q. So the -- is it your reading of this
- 15 document that the next step in the critical path was
- 16 the shield building walls?
- 17 A. From -- "the next step" meaning from
- 18 where --
- 19 Q. You were currently.
- 20 A. I don't know. That's not necessarily how
- 21 I would read it right now. But, again, I can't
- 22 remember exactly at this point in time because this
- 23 was dated August of '14. I can't remember exactly
- 24 where we were on shield-building as to when that
- 25 either started or was supposed to start actual
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- 1 erection on site.
- 2 Q. Okay. Were the shield buildings ever
- 3 completed?
  - A. No.
  - Q. Okay. While you were at V.C. Summer --
- 6 I'm going to give some terms and just ask what they
- meant to you.
  - A. Okay.
- 9 Q. What is "owners' cost"?
  - A. Owners' costs are those costs not included
- 11 in the EPC that we had with what -- with the
- 12 consortium.
- 13 Q. Were those costs that were incurred by
- 14 SCANA?

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- 15 A. Costs that were incurred by SCANA.
  - Q. Were those -- to your knowledge, were
- 17 those in turn passed on to the consumers or
- 18 customers?
  - A. I believe so.
- 20 Q. Okay. What is "constructive --
- 21 construction productivity"?
  - A. Are you talking about PF, or are you --
- 23 I'm not sure.
- Q. As it relates, is PF how you would measure
- 25 a constructive productivity -- construction

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one?

23 factors that were being achieved at the V.C. Summer

A. They were reported on monthly in a project

24 plant during your time as the vice president?

look. I mean, labor was certainly an

appreciable part of it, but is it the largest

#### Page 278 Page 280 1 BY MR. ALPHIN: 1 that correct? Q. The largest variable cost. A. That would be an example. A. The largest variable cost. It should have Q. Is there any other examples? 4 been. I -- again, I'd have to go back, just to There are, but offhand, I can't remember 5 verify. 5 them. Q. And would you agree with me that as PF 6 Q. Okay. And there's a ratio that applies to 7 increases, labor costs increase? direct craft labor to field nonmanual labor, correct? A. In general, that would be true. A. Yes. 9 Q. And then when you factor all three of Q. And those labor costs, if they're 10 variable, are borne by SCANA; is that correct? 10 those in, you get a very good sense of what your PF 11 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 11 factor is? 12 12 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. A. When you factor all those in, I'm not 13 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what you mean. 13 sure. 14 Q. The PF is tied directly to direct craft 14 BY MR. ALPHIN: 15 labor, correct? 15 Q. If labor costs are available, they're being paid by SCE&G; is that correct? 16 A. That's correct. 16 17 17 Q. And then you also have to factor in the A. Yes. 18 Q. And so as those labor costs increase, 18 ratios for indirect craft labor and field nonmanual 19 SCE&G is paying more for labor? 19 labor to figure out your overall productivity; is 20 20 that correct? A. Yes. 21 Q. And they're paying more than they 21 A. I don't believe so. anticipated; is that correct? 22 22 Q. Okay. Can you explain to me how the 23 A. That could be true. 23 ratios work, then? 24 24 Q. And then those costs are passed on to the MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 25 THE WITNESS: How they work? They measure customers; is that correct? Page 279 Page 281 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. three different things. 1 2 BY MR. ALPHIN: 2 THE WITNESS: To the best of my knowledge, 3 that's the way the contract and the order was 3 Q. Okay. What are they measuring? set up, yeah. A. It's the same three things we just went BY MR. ALPHIN: 5 through on what direct craft encompasses. That's 6 Q. Okay. What does "direct craft labor" mean 6 actual wrench time. That's actual physical progress 7 to you? 7 in completing the plant. A. Direct craft labor is basically those 8 PF measures is typically associated, I folks that are out performing direct hands-on work. 9 believe, with direct craft. 10 Q. You called them the "wrench turners" 10 Q. Okay. And I think you've already 11 earlier, I believe; is that correct? 11 testified to this, but you monitor closely on the 12 12 consortium's construction productivity; is that A. Right. 13 Q. Okay. What is "indirect craft labor"? 13 correct? A. Indirect would be those functions that 14 A. Yes. 15 support the direct craft in doing their job. It 15 Q. Okay. And I think you've already would be training resources, for example. 16 testified to this as well, but the consortium's 16 17 Q. And then there's a ratio that's applied in 17 construction productivity affected what SCANA paid 18 indirect to direct, correct? 18 ultimately for the V.C. Summer plants? 19 19 A. Correct. A. It factors into that, yes. 20 20 Q. And then there's also field nonmanual Q. And then those costs are in turn passed 21 labor; is that correct? 21 along to customers? 22 A. Correct. 22 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 23 23 THE WITNESS: To the best of my knowledge, Q. And I think you said those are the 24 no-wrench-time people, but they're the ones that 24 that's the way it worked. 25 perform the quality assurance and quality control; is

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- 1 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. Okay. I think you disagree with this
- 3 statement, but I'm going to read it anyway.
- A. Okay.
- 5 Q. "Past performance is a -- is an indicator
- ${\ensuremath{^{6}}}$  of future performance on the same project for the
- 7 same labor."
- 8 A. I disagree with that.
- 9 Q. Okay. What specific examples can you give
- 10 me that Westinghouse or the consortium gave you that
- gave you hope that the PF was going to increase?
- 12 A. So, you know, some of it's tangible, some
- 13 of it's intangible.
- Some of the intangibles: What leadership
- 15 effort is being put into improving PF, what
- 16 initiatives are under way, what are they trying to do
- 17 different in the field to allow each worker to become
- 18 at least 35 percent effective each day. And talked
- 19 before about the fact that you won't have 100 percent
- 20 productivity out of a person out there because of
- 21 other things that are going on. So that's a part of
- 22 it.
- 22 it.
- The other part of it is, are they starting
- 24 to be able to meet milestones? Are they being able
- 25 to achieve some milestones early even?

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- Q. Did you have meetings with anyone at
- 2 Westinghouse and/or other members of the consortium
- 3 where they laid out detailed plans as to how they
- 4 were going to improve their performance factor?
- 5 A. We had numerous meetings talking about
- 6 what their plans were, what their initiatives were,
- 7 what they were trying to do different to improve
- 8 that.

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- Q. And what were some of those initiatives?
- 10 A. Well, a big part of it was trying to
- 11 improve the effectiveness of the in-field oversight
- 12 for supervisors, for example.
  - Q. Can you explain that to me, please?
- 14 A. So a crew supervisor, one of the things
- 15 that was discovered along the way was they weren't
- 16 necessarily meeting all the -- all the commitments
- 17 that should be part of a supervisor's job; for
- 18 example, what percentage of the time are they
- 19 spending with their crew and giving them -- not just
- 20 providing oversight but helping those folks be
- 21 successful.
- Are those folks aware of the challenges
- 23 that are impacting the crew in getting work done; for
- 24 example, availability of tools.
  - Are those supervisors out there monitoring

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- 1 their crew to make sure proper safety precautions are
- 2 being met and that the crew is protected from injury.
- Q. At any time during your role as vice
- 4 president at SCE&G and/or SCANA, did the performance
- factor actually improve?
- 6 A. It varied from month to month. There are
- 7 some months it went up, some months it went down.
- 8 Q. Did the overall PF ever go down while you
- 9 were the vice president?
  - A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 11 Q. Okay. So every month, month over month,
- 12 that number increased?
  - A. I'd have to go back and review the trend
- 14 again, but in general, that's true --
- MR. MITCHELL: Are we reaching a breaking
- 16 point?
- 17 THE WITNESS: -- the cumulative.
- MR. ALPHIN: We can, absolutely.
  - Off the record.
- VIDEOGRAPHER: Off record at 4:23 p.m.
  - (A recess transpired from 4:23 p.m. until
- 4:38 p.m.)
- VIDEOGRAPHER: On record at 4:38 p.m.
- 24 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. Before we went off the record, we were
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  - 1 discussing performance factors. Is that your
  - 2 understanding?
  - A. Correct.Q. Okay. What did you view as an acceptable
  - performance factor for the project?
  - 6 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
    - THE WITNESS: I don't think that I have a
  - 8 view on an acceptable. It's all a matter of
  - 9 what you assume in your overall schedule
  - 10 determination and estimate of completion since
  - 11 performance factor impacts that.
  - So you could choose whatever you want as
  - performance factor. It just needs to support
  - your overall schedule and your overall cost
  - 15 projection.
  - 16 BY MR. ALPHIN:
  - Q. As someone who is overseeing the project,
  - 18 doing quality control/quality assurances, making sure
  - 19 everyone stays on schedule, is there a certain
  - 20 performance factor that once it's hit, it causes you
  - 21 greater concern than another?
  - A. I don't think I ever operated thinking
  - 23 whether there's a certain criteria or cutoff in there
  - 24 that now it's totally unacceptable.
    - Our desire all along was for the

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- 1 consortium to hit whatever performance factor they
- 2 had assumed in providing us with estimated cost or --
- 3 or schedule. The longer that they were not able to
- 4 achieve that performance factor, then our concern
- 5 would tend to rise.
- 6 Q. When did you first become aware of the
- 7 issue or a deficiency in the performance factor of
- 8 the consortium?
- 9 A. You know, I don't remember what the
- 10 performance factors were when I first joined the
- project. The amount of work that was going on then
- 12 was much less than the latter years when I was with
- 13 the project.
- 14 The longer time went on and, as you
- pointed out earlier, that the trend in PF continued
- 16 to increase, then our level of concern continued to
- 17 increase.
- 18 Q. I hand you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 19 Number 10.
- 20 (Exhibit 10 was marked for identification.)
- 21 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 22 Q. Can you identify this document for the
- 23 record, please?
- A. So this is a letter from Bill Fox, who was
- 25 the vice president for CB&I in June of 2013, to my

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- 1 boss, Jeff Archie, chief nuclear officer. And he's
- 2 laying out a cost position.
- I got to read through this because this
- 4 doesn't just naturally ring a bell.
- 5 Q. Yes, sir.
- 6 You're copied on this e-mail, though,
- 7 correct?
- 8 A. I am copied on it. That's correct.
- 9 Q. And since you're copied on it, this would
- 10 have been something you would have reviewed at the
- 11 time; is that correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- Q. Please take your time and review it and
- 14 then let me know when you're ready, and I'll ask
- 15 questions about it.
- A. Okay. Okay.
- 17 Q. You ready?
- 18 A. Uh-huh.
- 19 Q. If you look at the second paragraph, the
- 20 last sentence or the last two sentences where it
- 21 starts with "As a part of the consortium," do you see
- 22 that?
- 23 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Will you read those two sentences into the
- 25 record, please?

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- A. "As part of the -- as a part of the
- 2 consortium" -- and there's an apostrophe missing, but
- 3 I'm assuming it's "consortium's standard operation,
- 4 the estimated completion, EAC, costs are evaluated
- 5 regularly and adjustments made accordingly. It is
- ${\ensuremath{^{6}}}$  expected that adjustments to the contingency will
- continue to be made as the project advances."
- 8 Q. So that in this, they're -- CB&I's telling
- 9 SCE&G that "We are regularly reviewing the EAC."
- 10 Is that your understanding?
  - MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- 12 THE WITNESS: They're reviewing -- I read
- this as they're reviewing their current and
- projected spend, which then does tie in to
- estimated completion.
- 16 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. And that would be something you would
- 18 expect them to do, correct?
  - A. I would do that if I was them, yes.
- Q. Okay. And then the first sentence for me,
- 21 or the first two sentences, would you read those into
- the record, please?
- A. Of that same paragraph?
- Q. The first full paragraph.
  - A. Okay. "Of the total consortium contracted

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- 1 cost for the project, nearly 70 percent is firm/fixed
- <sup>2</sup> price. The remaining 30-plus percent of the total
- 3 project cost is target and T&M."
- 4 Q. Okay. And it's the 30 percent I want to
- 5 talk about.
- 6 A. Okay.
  - Q. Those relate to variable costs. Is that
- 8 your understanding?
- 9 A. There -- yes. So they're basically -- I
- 10 mean, target is just T&M with some additional
- 11 add-ons.
- 12 Q. And the largest one that you testified
- 13 earlier is labor; is that correct?
- 14 A. That's -- was my belief. I didn't have
- the documents to go back and refer to that to confirm
- 16 it.

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- Q. But based on your experience at the plant,
- that was the largest?MR. MITCHELL: Objection. Asked and
- answered.
- THE WITNESS: Again, to be able to answer
- that exactly, I'd have to go back and look at
- what the breakdown was because the 70 percent
  - that's firm/fixed includes -- could include
  - labor, some forms of labor in that.

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1 BY MR. ALPHIN:

- Q. Are you aware of parts of that that are -- do include labor?
- A. I don't remember.
- Q. Okay. If the -- if the 30 percent is, in fact, a variable cost and the PF factor increases, that 30 percent is going to increase as well. Would you agree with that?
- A. That would tend to be true.
- Q. So a project that might start out at 70-30 might end up 40-60 the other way if labor costs explode?
- A. Yes. But you -- again, between firm and fixed, fixed isn't going to increase over time.
- 15 Q. Correct.
- 16 A. Firm may.
- Q. Correct. But that amount -- that is a fixed amount. If the labor cost is not fixed and the labor cost goes up, then as the labor cost goes up, the fixed percentage as a total goes down, correct?
- A. Right. My only point was it's not necessarily a -- if it -- if the labor goes up this much, then firm/fixed goes down that much, it could be that some of the firm actually increased too because of --

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1 referenced completing some of those modules on site.

- Q. Escalation?
  - A. Yeah.

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- Q. What particular instances of escalation were built into the contract with the consortium?
- 5 A. Again, I'm not a contract expert. I can't 6 recall.
- Q. Okay. Did you look at any benchmarks asit relates to PF in evaluating the consortium'sconstruction productivity?
- A. I did not personally, and I'm just trying to think back for our team. I can't say with certainty whether we looked at benchmarking
- information or not.I do know that when -- I do know that, I
- think, the predominant belief on our team was that1.15 for PF should be achievable on the -- on a
- 17 nuclear construction project. It's an aggressive
- $\ensuremath{^{18}}$  number. It's not something you can take your eye off
- 19 of. And it required, for the consortium to achieve
- 20 that, to change aspects of the way they were doing
- business, improve in certain areas, but it was notunachievable.
- Q. Is part of assuming that the 1.15 is achievable knowing that a design plan is already in
- 24 achievable knowing that a design plan is alread 25 place?

- A. A design plan?
- Q. A design of the -- each particular item
- 3 that's already in place?
- 4 A. You're talking about the actual plant 5 design documentation, for example?
- Q. Or in any individual part or module oranything like that.
- 8 A. So if your design is not supporting your 9 construction, then that will impact PF in an adverse 10 direction because you'll basically have people that 11 are waiting for work.
- Q. Or if changes are being made after the modules are sent, that will affect PF as well because you're going to have to do more fabrication on site?
- A. That one is a little different, and I'm trying to recall exactly how it worked. The modules were fixed or firm price. The continued -- so there was some modules that were sent to the site and repaired. There's some modules that were actually built on site. And my remembrance, I think, is that that was still done under fixed or firm.
- Q. So the labor tends to all the modules or the labor to put those into the buildings were fixed or firm? It wasn't variable?
  - A. No. I'm talking -- I thought you
- Q. I'm talking about installing them. So if the module leaves Louisiana, and then the design
- 4 package change comes in, and so when it gets to the
- 5 plant, it's not actually designed -- the design does
- 6 not meet the specs anymore.
  - A. Okay.
- 8 Q. So you have to do the redesign to actually
- <sup>9</sup> make it go on site. Does that make sense to you?
- A. Yes. There may be a change that has to be made to it for a module which was completed in
- 12 Lake Charles, for example.
- Q. Correct. But they would have to be refabricated or significant work would have to be done to meet the new design criteria?
- A. It could be a minor change. It could be something more significant.
- 18 Q. And that would certainly affect PF as 19 well, correct?
- A. Again, though, module fabrication was under fixed and firm. And I believe that even though
- 22 we brought them on site, if we knew they were coming
- with problems that would have to be fixed on site,I'm remembering that we set that up so that was still
- 25 considered fabrication, meaning the repairs to those

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- 1 modules, best I can remember, did not hit the books
- 2 as a -- a T&M or target activity. It was still
- 3 covered under fixed or firm.
- Q. All right.
  - A. But, again, I don't have documentation
- 6 to -- I'm trying to go on my recollection of that's
- 7 how it worked.
- 8 But there was a lot of discussion around
- 9 who was going to pay for what when we agreed to bring
- 10 modules on site to either, some cases, fully
- 11 fabricate or other cases, make repairs to known
- 12 deficiencies when they were shipped from
- 13 Lake Charles.
- 14 Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you what's been
- 15 marked as Exhibit Number 11.
- 16 (Exhibit 11 was marked for identification.)
- 17 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 18 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 19 Q. Have you had a chance to review this and
- 20 the attached spreadsheet?
- 21 A. Looked at -- I'm familiar with the layout
- 22 of the spreadsheet. I've not reviewed all the
- 23 numbers in it, but yeah.
- Q. Will you identify the e-mail and then the
- 25 attachment for the record, please, sir?

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- A. So the e-mail is an e-mail that was
- 2 forwarded to me by Skip Smith. Subject is "August
- 3 Target Labor Performance," dated Friday,
- 4 September 13th, 2013.
- 5 And then the attachment is a breakdown
- $\,\,$  6 through August of 2013 of what was budgeted as far as
- 7 target work hours, what the actuals were. And
- 8 basically it all rolls up to what a PF looks like
- 9 both from an inception date and then also that
- 10 particular period, that monthly period.
- Q. And this is back in 2013, correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- Q. And this shows that in the month of August
- 14 what was the PF that was achieved for the monthly PF?
- 15 A. That would be the last column, 2.52.
  - Q. Okay. Does a PF of 2.52 give you concern?
- 17 A. It's certainly not what was desired for
- 18 that month. And in the e-mails that forwarded this
- 19 letter, there's some words in there as to what likely
- 20 caused that.

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- Q. Okay. And the -- if you look down in the
- 22 bottom e-mail, which I guess would be the first
- 23 e-mail, the second paragraph, will you read the first
- 24 couple of sentences into the record, please?
  - A. "This shows a steadily increasing trend

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- 1 from an ITD PF of 1.14 in January 2013 to the present
- 2 1.25. In March 2012, when the COL was received, the
- 3 ITD PF was 0.94."
- Continue, or --
  - Q. Yes, please.
- 6 A. "From March 2012 through August 2013, the
- 7 PF is 1.54." And in parentheses, "1,162,851 work
- 8 hours with 753,907 earned hours."
- 9 Q. Would a PF of 1.54 over a 13- or 14-month
- 10 period cause you concern?
  - A. Again, it's not the PF that was desired.
- 12 So yes, there's some level of concern there.
  - Q. Okay. And did Mr. Browne make a deter- --
- 14 or did he make his opinion known as to what he thinks
- 15 about this?
- 16 A. Did Alan Torres? Is that what you're
- 17 saying?
- 18 Q. I think the bottom e-mail is from
- 19 Mr. Browne; is that correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. And what's the next sentence say?
- 22 A. I'm sorry. I've lost track of -- in that
- 23 same paragraph?
- Q. Yes, sir. It starts "Unfortunately."
- A. Okay. "Unfortunately, this may be a

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- 1 better representation of what we should expect as we
- 2 move forward."
- Q. So he's saying that he's looked at the
- 4 trends from the last number of months, looks like 13
- 5 or 14 months, and he thinks that this is a better
- 6 representation of what might be seen going forward.
- 7 Is that your way of reading it?
  - A. That was --
- 9 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
  - MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- 11 THE WITNESS: That was Ken Browne's
- 12 opinion.
- 13 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. Correct. And is that what actually played
- 15 out?

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- A. I don't have the numbers in front of me.
- 17 But, again, one of the previous exhibits we looked at
- 18 showed a cumulative increasing trend over time.
- Q. Okay. And then the next sentence talks
- 20 about what happens to the target price craft labor;
- 21 is that correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And what is his opinion as it relates to
- 24 that?

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A. He says, "Unless this trend is reversed,

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- 1 we should expect a substantial overrun of target
- 2 price in craft and labor cost."
- 3 Q. And that's what we talked about before,
- 4 correct?
- A. That's what we talked about before?
- Q. During your deposition, I think you -- we
- 7 talked about the fact that if the PF is overrun, the
- 8 costs are going to overrun?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. And that was a cost that SCE&G was
- 11 responsible for, correct?
- 12 A. Yes. It wasn't fixed or firm, you mean?
- 13 Q. Yes, sir.
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Looking at the attachment, what do the
- 16 numbers down on the bottom mean where it says
- 17 "367 man months" and "145 man months"?
- 18 A. I think that from the blocks above,
- 19 there's an "actual" block, and there's an "earned"
- 20 block.

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- 21 Q. Yes, sir.
  - A. The actual hours are the hours that were
- 23 expended that month. The earned hours are how many
- 24 hours -- the way to look at that is those are the
- 25 hours you should have spent for that month to
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- 1 accomplish the same amount of work.
- Q. Okay. And how is the man months
- 3 calculation accomplished, if you know?
- A. It's -- well, it's taking the total actual
- 5 hours for month and actual total for earned hours for
- 6 month and then converting it to man months.
- 7 And exactly how that's done, it's simple,
- ${\tt 8}\;\;$  but I just have never done it before. You're
- $\, 9 \,$  basically taking hours and figuring out whether it's
- 10 a 40-hour week assumption per person. How much work
- 11 that equates to, I don't know.
- 12 Q. Okay. And then if you look at the budget
- 13 where it's talking about the number of hours, do you
- 14 see that on the left column? It talks about "total,"
- 15 and then it has 15 million at the bottom?
- 16 A. Target work hours?
- 17 Q. Yes, sir.
- 18 A. Okay.
- Q. Do you know why there was a decrease of
- 20 360,000 hours in that month?
- 21 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 22 THE WITNESS: No.
- 23 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. Does that mean that they are adjusting
- 25 downward the amount of hours they think it's going to

- 1 take to complete the project?
- A. I don't believe that's the case. You're
- 3 not going to always have the exact number of target
- 4 work hours per month. It depends on what's on the
- 5 schedule for that month. It would also depend on how
- ${\ensuremath{\mathsf{G}}}\xspace$  many resources you had to support that schedule.
  - Q. This is for the project as a whole, is it
- 8 not?

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- 9 A. This -- you mean for both units, or what?
- Q. This is -- this isn't a monthly-changing
- 11 thing. This is how much the total is for the entire
- 12 project, correct?
  - A. For the entire project?
- 14 Q. So if you look at this, the budget of
- 15 15 million hours is the total amount of hours that
- 16 CB&I and the consortium are budgeting that it's going
- 17 to take to complete the project; is that correct?
- 18 A. No. It's the total of target work hours
- 19 for that month.
- Q. I think that's the actual and earned; is
- 21 that right?
- 22 A. Yeah. Target work hours for July and
- 23 August shown there, and then a delta from the
- 24 previous month if we're looking at the same thing.
- 25 Are you looking at the first column here under
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- 1 "Budget"?
- Q. It's not your testimony that you-all
- 3 were -- that the CB&I's working 15 million hours a
- 4 month at the plant, is it?
- 5 A. I'd have to back-calculate, but the way
- 6 this is labeled is "July target work hours."
- You've got about, well, performing
- 8 hands-on work, thousands of people on site. I
- 9 haven't done the math, but the way I read this is
- 0 July target work hours, that's how many hours you're
- 11 expecting to be expended in the month of July.
- Q. But then if you go over to "actual," you only spend 1,759,000. Is that right? Or 1,832,000?
- A. I don't know. I'd have to go back and
- 15 analyze this.
- Q. This is something you would have analyzed
- 17 at the time?

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- A. I guess my -- our main focus out of this
- 19 is what's the PF look like?
- Q. Correct. We're also looking at the total
- 21 amount of hours that it takes to complete the
- 22 project. That's not -- you're saying that's not what
- 23 the left-hand column is?
  - MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- THE WITNESS: I'd have to go back and look

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- 1 at some other documentation or calculate.
- 2 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. And I hand you what's been marked as
- 4 Exhibit Number 12, ask you to review that, and then
- 5 identify that for the record.
- 6 (Exhibit 12 was marked for identification.)
- 7 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 8 A. Okay. So this is their -- basically the
- 9 same note that was on the previous page. Skip
- 10 attached it to this, the note that he sent to Bill
- 11 Wood.
- 12 Q. And who is Bill Wood?
- A. Bill Wood, at this time, was the -- what
- 14 was his title? He was basically second in command to
- 15 Bill Fox during this time period, who was the VP for
- 16 CB&I.
- Q. And the same spreadsheet that we just
- 18 reviewed was attached if you look at the attachments;
- 19 is that correct?
- A. Yes. Yeah, because it's got the same note
- 21 that -- from Ken Browne that Skip attached to this.
- 22 Q. And you would agree with me that this is
- 23 SCE&G voicing its displeasure to the consortium about
- 24 the PF factor in August of 2013; is that correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

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- Q. Other than this e-mail, what specific
- 2 steps did SCE&G make to try to improve the
- 3 consortium's PF in 2013?
- A. I cannot remember.
- Q. Are there any ones that come to mind?
- A. Considering that was five years ago, no.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. I can't give you any specifics on that.
- 9 Q. All right. It's two different exhibits.
- 10 The first is 13, and the second is 14.
- I hand you two different documents. One
- 12 has been marked as Exhibit 13, one has been marked as | 12
- 13 Exhibit 14.
- 14 (Exhibit 13 was marked for identification.)
- 15 (Exhibit 14 was marked for identification.)
- 16 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 17 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 18 Q. We're actually going to look at Exhibit
- 19 Number 14 first. I marked them out of order, and I
- 20 apologize for that.
- Can you identify Number 14 for the record,
- 22 please, sir?
- A. So it's titled at the top "Summary
- 24 Schedule of EAC Update, Delivery of Schedule to
- 25 Filing of Update Docket with PSC."

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- Q. And this was part of an executive steering
- 2 committee handout on 3-16 -- or 3-26-2014; is that
- correct?
- A. That's how it's labeled at the bottom,
- 5 yes.

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- 6 Q. Okay. And we're looking at the top first,
- 7 and I think it's talking about completion of the EAC
- 8 from 2014 that we talked about before. Is that your
- 9 understanding?
  - A. That would be my understanding, yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. And they're saying that they are
- 12 estimating a March 30th, 2014, for the schedules and
- 13 a June 1st, 2014, for the EAC from the consortium.
- 14 Is that your understanding?
- 15 A. That's the way I would read that, yes.
  - Q. Okay. Did those occur?
- 17 A. I don't think it occurred on those dates.
- 18 I'd have to go back to the -- I thought we had a
- 19 previous document that talked about that.
- Q. And is August 29th, 2014, was that the
- 21 date of this PowerPoint that you looked at earlier?
  - A. I think so.
- Q. Okay. If you look down at the bottom
- 24 where it talks about estimate -- "estimate at
- 25 completion," do you see that?

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- 1 A. Uh-huh. I do.
  - Q. What's the first asterisk there say?
- 3 A. "Consortium discontinued tracking and
- 4 reporting EPC agreement target contingency reporting
- 5 November 2013."
- 6 Q. What is that?
  - MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I'm not that -- I can read
- 9 the words there, but I can't explain that to
- 10 you.
- 11 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. Okay. What is the "EPC agreement target
- 13 contingency reporting"? What is that?
- 14 A. It appears to be -- it's worded awkwardly
- 15 here, so I'm not sure exactly what's being said
- 16 there. It seems to be saying that this reporting
- 17 discontinued in November 2013, but I don't have any
- 18 recall on this as to what exactly stopped and why it
- 19 stopped.

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- Q. All right. If you look at the last
- 21 bullet, the last asterisk down there, will you read
- 22 that into the record, please?
- A. "Based on performance factors reported in
- 24 the monthly project review meetings, owner is very
- 25 concerned that the direct labor tracked and measured

#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 306 Page 308 1 is an indication of significant increases in EPC 1 about the integrated schedule. Do you see that? 2 target and T&M cost." Q. So this is saying -- again, this is 3 Q. Will you read that into the record, 4 talking about the fact that if labor -- if the PF 4 please? 5 increases, labor costs increase, and the cost to 5 A. "The integrated schedule team is also 6 SCE&G increases; is that correct? working to finalize the first draft -- the first A. Yes. draft unmitigated schedule by the end of this month." And that would be the end of March '14. Q. And the bullet above that, it talks about 8 9 Q. And what is a "first draft unmitigated ShowTrack [sic]. Do you see that? 10 schedule"? 10 A. ShawTrack? 11 Q. Yeah, ShawTrack. What is ShawTrack? 11 A. It's basically -- the way I would read 12 that is it's -- it's their first draft, and they A. It's a reporting tool that the 13 constructor, Shaw, used. And exactly what that 13 didn't apply any mitigation to it. They didn't go 14 contained, I couldn't give you a list of all the 14 back and look where there were some pushes as to how 15 information it contains. It's basically how they 15 they could be pulled back. 16 tracked their work in support of the schedule and the 16 Q. Was that the first schedule that had been 17 estimate to completion. 17 provided by the consortium to SCE&G? 18 Q. Is that something that SCE&G and/or SCANA 18 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 19 had access to? 19 THE WITNESS: Was it provided to us? Is 20 A. We didn't have -- there was nothing that I 20 that what you're asking? 21 can remember that Westinghouse or Shaw -- or the 21 BY MR. ALPHIN: other constructors that followed -- controlled that 22 Q. Is that the first schedule that had been 23 provided from the consortium to SCE&G, or had one 23 we had open access to. 24 24 been provided prior to that? Typically, what we had as far as access to MR. CHALLY: Same objection. 25 25 those databases were -- was whatever the consortium Page 309 Page 307 1 members felt like they were obligated to provide us THE WITNESS: Are you asking -- so this 1 2 and was typically either provided in a hard copy or was in 2014 -- asking over the life of the 2 3 placed on a server so that we couldn't access the 3 project? 4 BY MR. ALPHIN: 4 entire database. In other words, it would be -- it would be Q. Yes, sir. 6 in a format that was not necessarily all the A. I don't believe it would have been the 7 underlying information. It was also in a format that 7 first one, no. 8 we couldn't manipulate. It was like a PDF that you 8 Q. Okay. Do you know what changes were actually proposed by the consortium in that schedule? 9 couldn't change. 9 10 Q. Okay. Looking at the Exhibit Number 13, 10 A. Not offhand, no. 11 can you identify that document for the record, 11 Q. Okay. Is this -- is this what ultimately 12 please, sir? 12 becomes the EAC and the schedules that were presented 13 A. So the initial notice from Carlette Walker 13 in August of 2014? going back to the consortium, and it's referencing 14 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. THE WITNESS: This is not referencing 15 the work that they owed us on the EAC and that they 15 were basically -- apparently, there was a -- the note 16 anything final. The final work hasn't been done 17 down below references a series of workshops, target 17 yet. 18 BY MR. ALPHIN: 18 data. 19 19 There seems to be some misunderstanding Q. Correct. 20 between them and us as to when the complete EAC was 20 A. So this sounds like it's some part of that 21 21 sequence in developing a final product that would

A. Uh-huh.

23 Duane to Carlette, do you see that one?

Q. Yes, sir. If you look at the e-mail from

Q. And in the second paragraph, it talks

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22 then be part of our petition to the PSC.

25 is the way I read it.

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Q. This a lead-up to that, correct?

A. The early work that was being done on that

Ronald Alan Jones Page 310 Page 312 Q. Yes, sir. And this was in March of 2014; 1 A. Okay. 2 is that correct? Q. And I think you went over this earlier, A. Correct. 3 and I think we've talked about this. Q. And you received the EAC in August of But on page 28 -- and I think you called 5 2014; is that correct? 5 it a commitment that the consortium made to you to 6 A. I believe that's what we looked at 6 get the PF down to 1.15; is that correct? earlier, yes. 7 A. That's the way I would read that last 8 Q. Does it cause you concern that it took 8 bullet, yes. them almost five months to complete an EAC? Q. Did you take that as a commitment? 10 MR. CHALLY: Objection. A. I took that as a commitment, yes. 11 MR. MITCHELL: Same. 11 Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you Exhibits 15, 12 THE WITNESS: It -- it's not concerning. 12 16, 17 and let you look over those. 13 The reality is, again, they were responsible for 13 (Exhibit 15 was marked for identification.) 14 providing that to us per the EPC. 14 (Exhibit 16 was marked for identification.) 15 15 As they developed it, we didn't have (Exhibit 17 was marked for identification.) 16 insight into what they were doing to make that 16 BY MR. ALPHIN: 17 17 happen. Five months should be a very -- a very Q. I'm also going to ask you to look at 18 adequate time to give us something that was very 18 Exhibit Number 5 as well. 19 high quality. 19 MR. CHALLY: What's the other one? 20 And, you know, my point of reference for 20 MR. ALPHIN: Number 5. 21 that is with a very aggressive effort with a 21 THE WITNESS: Yeah. And just going back 22 22 very large team. It took us two to three months to -- before you ask your questions, going back, 23 once Westinghouse filed bankruptcy to redo an 23 I apologize over my confusion before on target 24 24 estimate at completion and a schedule. work hours. These are for the duration of the 25 25 project. But in my effort to digest everything

at one time, I got confused there.

2 BY MR. ALPHIN:

Q. It's no problem at all. And it is kind of

4 through a fire. I understand that, sir.

A. Right. It's a lot that I'm trying to

6 remember back to I haven't looked at in quite a

7 while.

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8 Q. Yes, sir.

9 A. Okay.

Q. So you're looking at 15, 16, and 17, and

11 then Exhibit Number 5 as well; is that correct?

12 A. Correct.

Q. And I think if you look at Exhibit

14 Number 15 and Number 5, at least the top part of

15 Number 5 is the same as Number 15. Is that your

16 understanding?

17 A. Yeah. The numbers appear to align, yes.

Q. Okay. And so these are -- I will 18

19 represent to you these were all documents that you're

20 listed as the record custodian for Number 15, 16, and

21 17.

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22 A. Okay.

23 Q. And I think you testified earlier that

24 these were documents you got on a monthly basis and

25 reviewed monthly; is that correct?

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1 BY MR. ALPHIN:

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- Q. If, in fact, CB&I was tracking the EAC as
- 3 they represented to you in 2013, should it be
- 4 something that did, in fact, take five or six months
- 5 to complete if it is something they were keeping
- 6 track of on a regular basis?
- 7 MR. CHALLY: Objection.
- 8 MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Well, it depends on what 10 work they're doing there. If they're going back

11 and not just visiting the data that says,

12 "Here's where we are today" but going back and 13 revisiting assumptions that led to where they

14 were on that day and trying to say were those

15 valid assumptions or not, what assumptions

16 should be used going forward, it should have

17 taken months to do.

- 18 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 19 Q. Do you know if that is, in fact, what they 20 did?
- 21 A. No, I don't.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23
- 24 Going back to this exhibit, I think it was
- 25 Number 3.

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1 A. We received them monthly and reviewed them	A. True. It's a decrease from the previous			
2 in our monthly project review meeting with the	2 month, though.			
3 consortium.	Q. But it's more than double what they			
4 Q. And you reviewed them monthly, too,	4 committed to, correct?			
5 correct?	5 A. Yes.			
6 A. Yes.	6 Q. Okay. And so in the six months that they			
7 MR. CHALLY: Hold on. The	7 promised to go from a PF of 1 point 1.5, where			
8 representation you're saying 15, 16, and 17?	8 they were when we start, they have now got it so that			
9 MR. ALPHIN: He's listed as the record	9 they're at a monthly PF of 2.37 in February; is that			
custodian in the documents that you produced,	10 correct?			
11 yes, sir.	11 A. Correct.			
MR. CHALLY: Okay. This doesn't these	12 Q. And so instead of going down, they're			
don't have Bates labels on them. Are they	13 going up; is that correct?			
14 produced	MR. MITCHELL: Objection. Asked and			
MR. ALPHIN: They were in your production.	15 answered.			
16 I'm not sure why they were printed without Bates	16 THE WITNESS: When you look at the			
labels. But when we print all the documents you	17 cumulative?			
produced, they don't print with Bates labels.	18 BY MR. ALPHIN:			
19 I'm not sure why.	19 Q. The cumulative's going up, and their			
20 MR. CHALLY: Okay. I don't know one way	20 monthly PF is going up too, correct?			
of the other.	As it relates to the 1.15 promise, they're			
MR. ALPHIN: I'll get you the Bates ranges	22 staying above that, correct?			
23 for them.	A. They are staying above that. That's			
24 MR. CHALLY: Okay.	24 correct.			
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25 committed to, correct?

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- THE WITNESS: I can't give you exact steps
- 2 that we took. There was -- there was
- 3 considerable discussion that occurred monthly in
- 4 our monthly project review meeting and also in
- 5 other meetings throughout the month on
- 6 activities, improvements, et cetera that were
- 7 needed to pull that down.
- 8 BY MR. ALPHIN:

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- 9 Q. Did you ever ask the consortium to change
- 10 leadership in order to improve the PF?
- 11 A. Change in leadership's not a guarantee
- 12 that the PF is going to -- going to improve.
- 13 This was in January '15. So that was --
- 14 CB&I had taken over, had purchased Shaw, acquired
- 15 Shaw by that point in time, had been involved with
- 16 Shaw enough -- and those resources that they acquired
- or inherited -- that we would have expected them to
- 18 be driving them differently than Shaw did and
- 19 improving things.
- Q. And did that, in fact, happen?
- A. Not by the data that's shown here, no.
- Q. Okay. And do you know if that ever
- 23 improved throughout the project?
- A. There were improvements in some areas and
- 25 then in some areas not improvements. But overall, PF

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- 1 July and then assumed responsibility in August of 2 2012
- Q. So starting in September, is there any
- 4 time along the chart that the PF decreases?
  - A. This is cumulative PF --
- 6 Q. Yes, sir.
  - A. -- as opposed to the monthly PFs?
  - Q. Correct. In order for the cumulative to
- 9 go up, the PF for that particular month would have to
- 10 be higher than the cumulative, correct?
  - A. I'm sorry. Can you restate what you said?
- Q. If you have the cumulative PF at a certain
- 13 level, in order for that number to increase month
- 14 over month, the monthly PF would have to be higher
- 15 than the cumulative PF?
  - A. The same or higher?
- 17 Q. The same or higher, yes, sir.
- 18 A. Yeah.
  - Q. Okay. My question is --
- A. Well, actually, the monthly PF could go
- 21 down and still go up because the monthly PF then
- 22 starts averaging in and taking away some of the
- 23 goodness from the lower PFs.
- Q. Okay. At any time in any of the numbers
- 25 that are represented, did that number go down,

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- 1 was a continuing challenge throughout the project.
- 2 (Exhibit 18 was marked for identification.)
- 3 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. Okay. The last thing I'm going to hand
- 5 you is Exhibit Number 18, which is this SCE&G request
- 6 for production or request -- interrogatory responses.
- One of the interrogatories that the
- 8 Plaintiffs asked was, "Please state monthly PF." And
- 9 so it goes through, and this is SCE&G's response to
- $10\,$  us, and it goes through monthly and sets forth the
- 11 ITED PF.
- 12 I'm going to ask you to look at that, and
- 13 I'm going to ask you a couple questions about that.
- 14 Okay?
- A. Okay. So the date on this is 2017?
- 16 Q. This was provided to us September 24th,
- 17 2018.
- 18 A. '18. Okay. I see.
- Q. And this provides an overview from
- 20 November '10 through November '16; is that correct?
- 21 A. November 10th -- November '10 through
- 22 November '16 is correct.
- Q. And you took over in August of 2012; is
- 24 that correct?
- A. I actually -- yeah, I actually arrived in

- 1 starting in September?
- 2 A. The "Cumulative PF to date" column at no
- 3 time -- well, I take it back. You're starting in
- 4 August?
- <sup>5</sup> Q. Or September, yes, sir.
- 6 A. Or September. Yeah. It did not go down.
- 7 Well, I'm sorry. September was .91, and October '11
- 8 it was .86, so it went down.
- 9 Q. Where is that?
- A. You're looking at starting in '12 or '11?
- 11 I'm sorry.
- Q. '12, sir. September '12, isn't that when
- 13 you said you --
- 14 A. Yes.

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- Q. -- that would have been your first full
- 16 month there with operational responsibility?
- A. From September '12 on, I don't see an area
- 18 where -- or a month where the --
  - Q. My question --
- A. -- the -- went down.
- Q. -- is: At any point during this time, did
- 22 you ever consider changing contractors?
- MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I -- we did not. I was not
- involved in any discussion about changing

#### Page 322 Page 324 contractors. 1 BY MR. ALPHIN: 2 BY MR. ALPHIN: 2 Q. That's a fair point. So either --Q. And with performance factors that are ever A. Westinghouse, which was continuously there getting worse, why was that? 4 through this time period, and then three different --5 MR. CHALLY: Same objection. 5 well, two different contractors as part of the 6 THE WITNESS: I -- it was -- well, 6 consortium, and then a fundamental change once 7 obviously, me and my team were pointing out our Westinghouse acquired Stone & Webster in that they 8 problems and issues up to the senior leadership became the only consortium member. team of SCANA. 9 Q. Okay. But my question remains, though: 10 BY MR. ALPHIN: 10 Was it ever your team's recommendation or was it ever 11 Q. Was any -- was one of your recommendations discussed at SCE&G over replacing those members? 12 a change in leadership at the consortium? 12 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 13 A. We had very open discussions internal to 13 You mean other than what he just identified? 14 SCANA about what the numbers, the data, was showing, 14 where we were seeing problems that were contributing MR. ALPHIN: He said that they've changed 15 16 to that, and where there might be leadership issues 16 over time, but he hasn't answered the question 17 involved in those problems. 17 as to whether it was ever discussed that they 18 Q. And how was that received by the 18 were talking about eliminating or changing the 19 upper-level management at SCANA and SCE&G? 19 contractor. 20 A. It was listened to. 20 MR. CHALLY: Yeah. That's exactly what he 21 Q. Do you know if anything ever happened? 21 was saying, that there were changes over time. 22 A. There were meetings that I was not privy 22 I'll object to the form. 23 to between our senior leadership team and then the 23 Go ahead. senior leadership of Westinghouse and the constructor 24 THE WITNESS: So by changing the at the different time periods through the project, 25 contractor, again, you're talking about changing Page 323 Page 325 1 the different constructors. out one or both members of the consortium --2 BY MR. ALPHIN: 2 Q. Okay. A. Exactly what was expressed in some of 3 Q. Yes, sir. 4 those meetings, I was never privy to. A. -- or changing out individuals? Q. Okay. And based on your testimony today, Both. 6 you're unaware of any discussions that took place or 6 Okay. So I'll answer it generically the change in the consortium was -- the change in the 7 again. 8 We gave continual feedback to contractor was discussed. 9 9 Westinghouse -- to SCANA senior leadership about what Is that your testimony? 10 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. the problems were on the project. And if we saw 11 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. problems that were occurring that we thought was due to inadequate leadership, we gave that feedback also. 12 BY MR. ALPHIN: 12 13 Q. Let me rephrase that. I apologize. That 13 What senior leadership did with that, as 14 was a bad question. 14 far as discussions with senior leadership of 15 Based on your testimony today, you're 15 Westinghouse and senior leadership of the unaware of any discussions that ever took place at 16 constructor, I was not privy to. 16 17 17 SCE&G related to changing of the consortium in the Q. Okay. We're going to leave that topic. 18 project? 18 Does engineering and design impact the 19 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 19 schedule? 20 MR. MITCHELL: Same. 20 A. It can impact the schedule, yes. 21 THE WITNESS: Yes. So -- so you changed a 21 Q. Does engineering and design impact the 22 little bit there between contractor and 22 integrated project schedule? 23 23 consortium because, actually, there were -- you A. It can impact it. 24 might look at it as two prime contractors. Q. Okay. Can an integrated project schedule 25 25 occur or be made without a design?

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1 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.

2 THE WITNESS: Just taken at a high level,

- the answer is no, you can't complete a project
- without a design.
- 5 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 6 Q. Okay. Did you ever see an integrated project schedule?
- A. I saw project schedules of varying levels of detail. One that was freely available was the overall integrated critical path schedule. As you try to go down below that into Level 2, 3, we saw some level of detail there.
- 13 Again, I'm not the schedule expert, but we 14 did not see the lowest level of detail.
- 15 Q. Was that provided to you in the Primavera 16 software, the P6 files?
- 17 A. The critical path was, and then whatever below that they chose to share with us would have been provided through a scheduling-tool file, yes.
- 20 Q. Did you ever ask them to provide you with 21 the full P6 file, or were you denied that request?
- 22 A. We were denied that request every time we 23 asked. We would have loved to have had it, and we 24 weren't afraid to continue to ask for it, but that
- 25 was never provided.

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- Q. Okay. When you testified on behalf of 2 Duke, do you remember the years, approximately, that would have been?
- A. No. I testified in South Carolina in one -- well, one hearing would have been in 2011 because it was related to the Lee nuclear project. And then I think I testified in two fuel
- clause hearings prior to that, but I don't remember the years. It would have been sometime between --10 let's see -- sometime between 2006 and the end of 11 2010.
- 12 MR. ALPHIN: Okay. We're at a good 13 stopping point. I have one more big section to 14 talk to him about. Do you all want to take a 15
- 16 MR. MITCHELL: That's fine.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I'm good.
- 18 MR. ALPHIN: Let's take a break for about 19 five minutes. I'm going to try to speed this up
- 20 for you. 21
  - VIDEOGRAPHER: Off record at 5:27 p.m. (A recess transpired from 5:27 p.m. until
- 23 5:36 p.m.)
  - VIDEOGRAPHER: On record at 5:36 p.m.

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1 BY MR. ALPHIN:

2 Q. Before we went on break, we were talking 3 about design.

4 Would you agree with me that if there is 5 not a design, you would not know what commodities you will need for that particular item or part? 6

MR. CHALLY: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Having the design complete 9 at the proper -- at the proper time does not 10 just support direct construction. It supports 11 ordering components. It would support maybe 12 designing new components since this is a new 13 plant, that sort of thing.

So different pieces of the design are needed at different times during the project. Sometimes there may be a very long lead time where you need to have the design complete. Sometimes it -- it's for a conventional wall, not as much of a lead time.

- 20 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 21 O. Do you need to know what commodities are 22 involved to understand the amount of labor that will 23 be required to complete that particular task?
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- 25 Q. Okay. So if you don't have a design, you

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1 don't have a knowledge of the commodities, how are 2 you able to budget appropriately the amount of time 3 it will take to complete that particular item?

MR. CHALLY: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I'm not an expert on that, but many of the commodities that are used are not high tech or commodities. It's concrete. It's how much rebar needs to go into a wall. It's how much concrete would need to go into walls.

So you can make estimates, for example, without having a conventional wall which has rebar in it and then concrete poured around it. You can make an estimate of what commodities are required for that without having a final design done that shows every piece of rebar, the exact spacing between the pieces of rebar, where you'll have crossties in it, things like that.

- 19 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 20 Q. Is that because those are things that have 21 been done in the past?
- 22 A. To a great degree, yeah.
- Now, the specifications may be different
- 24 in one plant to the next with respect to each wall.
- 25 The more it supports, the stronger it's got to be.

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- 1 So it may require more concrete, more rebar on the
- 2 lower elevation for that wall than it would be on the
- uppermost elevation.
- But those are standard construction
- practices that you can apply from -- from any
- 6 industrial construction and then apply to it, well,
- 7 what's the nuclear factor? How does this change it?
- 8 Nuclear is typically going to require more strength,
- but you can make reasonable estimates from the get-go
- without having certain aspects of the design 10
- 11 finalized.
- 12 Q. As it relates to the more complex or, as
- 13 you called it, "first-of-the-kind" design, you have
- to have a design in order to know the amount of labor
- that's going to be required for those particular
- 16 parts; is that correct?
- 17 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 18 THE WITNESS: For the parts that -- for
- 19 the things that are built on site, you have to
- 20 have some level of knowledge. You know, other
- 21 things that are manufactured off site, like a 22 pump, well, that comes to you in one piece. And
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- you can make a -- in my opinion, you can make a
- 24 reasonable estimate that I can take a pump, and
- 25 this -- this is, you know, a horizontal pump or

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- 1 a vertical pump, and here is the horsepower
- 2 size, how long it would take to install that.
- 3 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. Same thing for module -- structural
- modules and shield walls and those kind of items?
- A. As far as -- yes. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. I'm looking at the risk factors of
- the schedule completion as published by APOG. Are
- you familiar with those?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Okay. While you were at APOG, did they
- 12 come up with risk factors as it relates to schedule
- 13 completion?

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- A. I don't recall that.
- 15 Q. Okay. In one of the documents we have, it
- lists nine risk factors as it relates to completing 16
- 17 the project, on-schedule completion, and I'm going to
- read those to you. 18
- 19 One is "Unreliable integrated project
- schedule." 20
- 21 MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
- 22 What are you reading from?
- 23 MR. ALPHIN: The APOG, which he said that
- 24 they were -- that SCE&G was a member of.
  - They list nine factors, nine risk factors,

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- 1 for schedule completion on time. And I'm just
  - reading those nine factors from the APOG Digest.
- BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. And the second is "Delayed design
- 5 finalization."
- The third is "Delivery and quality of 6
- supplier equipment." 7
  - The fourth is "Availability of skilled
- 9 craft."
  - The fifth is "Structural module delays."
- 11 The sixth is "Shield building delays."
- 12 The seventh is "Regulatory compliance."
  - The eighth is "First of a kind."
- 14 And then the ninth is "Milestone
- compliance." 15
- 16 Are those things that you heard of while
- you were at APOG as being things that are risk
- factors as it relates to schedule completion?
- 19 A. I don't remember whether I heard them
- 20 while I was at APOG or not.
- 21 Again, I'm not familiar with when the
- 22 document you're reading from was created, but those
- 23 are reasonable things to have on a list that you have
- 24 to be concerned about in building a nuclear power
  - 25 plant.

## Page 333 Q. And those are all things you were

- 2 concerned about at SCE&G; is that correct?
- 3 I would say yes.
- Q. Okay. Did you have -- did SCE&G have
- problems with one or more of those items as it
- relates to the plants at the V.C. Summer project?
  - A. You'd have to go through the list again,
- 8 but I would say, based on my recollection of what you
- 9 just read, yeah, I mean we had concerns. If we -- I
- 10 would expect us to have concerns to one degree or
- 11 another in every one of those areas throughout the
- 12 entire project. Those are things you've got to keep
- 13 your eyes on.
- Q. Okay. At some point, SCANA and
- 15 Westinghouse and the consortium entered into a
- 16 fixed-price contract; is that correct?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- Q. I think you testified earlier that you 18
- 19 were involved in the input for that particular
- 20 contract; is that correct?
  - A. To some degree, that's correct.
- 22 Q. Would you please tell the court about your
- 23 level of input in that particular project?
  - A. In -- as far as the fixed-price option?
- 25 Yes, sir.

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- A. So I was not aware that CB&I wanted out of
- 2 the nuclear business until -- I think, it was late
- 3 August of -- was that '15?
- 4 And I was pulled into a meeting in Cayce
- 5 with our senior leadership, folks from my
- 6 organization, folks from Carlette's organization, and
- 7 Westinghouse folks to talk about Westinghouse's
- 8 desire to purchase Stone & Webster and not have CB&I
- $\, 9 \,$  as part of the consortium. In fact, the consortium
- 10 would just become Westinghouse.
- 11 Westinghouse's desire was to bring Fluor
- 12 in as a subcontractor to be the constructor for the
- 13 project working for Westinghouse, not a consortium
- 14 member.
- And the other big thing is for us -- and
- 16 the same thing was going on at the Vogtle project --
- 17 to release CB&I as being a parental guarantee for the
- 18 project.
- 19 Q. Was one of the reasons for the fixed-price
- 20 contract the PF factor and the cost labor overruns?
- A. Well, Westinghouse came to the table and
- 22 did not offer up a fixed-price -- a fixed-price
- 23 option. That's something that SCANA requested.
- Q. And when was that?
- A. It was in one of the meetings I attended

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- 1 in September. I don't -- I can't recall if it was
- 2 the first meeting I attended or the, you know, one of
- 3 the subsequent meetings, but that was something that
- 4 SCANA asked for, was a fixed-price option.
  - Q. And that's September of which year, sir?
- 6 A. That would be '15 because the fixed-price
- 7 option we presented to the PSC in '16. And then
- 8 shortly thereafter, it was when Westinghouse ran into
- 9 trouble.
- 10 Q. Do you have knowledge of a fixed-price
- $11\,$  option being floated with Westinghouse prior to
- 12 August of 2015?
- A. I do not.
- Q. Okay. How far in advance were you aware
- 15 of the fact that it was going to switch to fixed
- 16 price?
- 17 A. Well, again, that was something that was
- 18 asked for in some of those meetings in September. As
- 19 I recall, it was -- it was either Kevin Marsh or
- 20 Steve Byrne that asked Danny Roderick for a
- 21 fixed-price option. And --
- Q. Are you familiar -- excuse me. I'm sorry.
- 23 Please continue.
- A. Well, and I was going to say and
- Westinghouse responded, "Okay, we can look at that."

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- And then I think it was the next meeting
- 2 they brought back a proposal.
- O. Okay. Are you familiar with the terms of
- 4 the fixed-price contract?
  - A. In general, yes.
- 6 Q. Did the amount per month that SCE&G and/or
- 7 SCANA was paying the -- paying Westinghouse at that
- 8 point increase or decrease as a result of the
- 9 fixed-price option?
  - MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I don't know that I have an
- 12 answer to that.
- 13 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 14 Q. Under the fixed-price contract, did SCE&G
- 15 and/or SCANA begin paying \$100 million a month to
- 16 Westinghouse?
- 17 A. We weren't -- when that was negotiated in
- 18 the fall of '15, we were not under a fixed-price
- 19 contract. We didn't go under the fixed-price
- 20 contract until the fall of the next year when it was
- 21 internal to SCANA and Santee Cooper approved and then
- 22 presented to the PSC.
- 23 Q. Okay. And once that occurred, did the
- 24 amount of money that SCE&G and/or SCANA was paying
- 25 Westinghouse, did it increase or decrease per month?
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- 1 A. I don't know. That was a short time
  - 2 period. It was literally the period of, what, about
  - 3 six months, and then Westinghouse announced
  - 4 bankruptcy.
  - 5 Q. Okay. Have you heard that they were --
  - 6 that SCE&G and/or SCANA was paying \$100 million a
  - 7 month to Westinghouse as part of the fixed-price
  - 8 option?
  - 9 A. I have not heard -- I did not hear that we
  - 10 were paying \$100 million a month as part of the
  - 11 fixed-price option.
  - Q. Does that seem like a large number to you?
  - 13 A. I didn't hear that that was being paid as
  - 14 part of a fixed-price option because, again, we had
  - 15 not exercised a fixed-price option.
  - Q. Once SCE&G and/or SCANA exercised the
  - 17 fixed-price option, if they were, in fact, paying
  - 18 \$100 million a month, is that a lot of money to you?
    - MR. CHALLY: Objection to form.
  - MS. SILVERMAN: Objection to form.
  - 21 MR. MITCHELL: Objection.
  - THE WITNESS: \$100 million is a lot of
  - money, yes.

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- 24 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. Okay. Was that more or less, if you know,

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- 1 that SCE&G and/or SCANA was paying prior to the
- 2 exercise of the fixed-price option?
- 3 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. Asked and
- 4 answered.

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- MR. CHALLY: Same objection.
- 6 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 7 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 8 Q. Okay. Who at SCE&G and/or SCANA would
- 9 know that answer?
- 10 A. I would believe the finance folks would be
- 11 able to give you an answer to that.
- 12 Q. Okay. As the vice president, you were not
- 13 involved in the amount that was being paid to
- 14 Westinghouse each month?
- 15 MS. SILVERMAN: Object to the form.
  - THE WITNESS: I reviewed how much was
- 17 being paid each month, yes.
- 18 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- 19 Q. Okay. But you just can't recall how much
- 20 that is. Is that your testimony?
- 21 A. I can't recall how much that is. And the
- \$100,000, again, was not tied to negotiating a
- 23 fixed-price option. There was no tie that said once
- 24 we negotiated it, we started paying that or that --
- 25 that I can remember that once it was approved and
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- 1 accepted by us and the PSC, that we started paying
- \$100,000 a month.
- 3 Q. \$100 million a month?
- A. \$100 million a month.
- Q. Okay. Do you have any recollection of how
- much that amount was, then?
- A. No. So I'm going to back up and tell you
- 8 what my recollection is, that as part of the
- 9 amendment that was discussed for the -- for the
- 10 contract, not the fixed-price option part, there was
- 11 an agreement that going forward, SCANA would pay a
- 12 monthly amount. But that was before the fixed-price
- 13 option was actually accepted by SCANA and put in
- 14 place.
- 15 Q. Okay. And how much was that monthly
- 16 amount, if you know?
- 17 A. That may have been the \$100 million a
- 18 month. I don't remember offhand.
- 19 Q. Okay. And when do you -- when was that
- 20 amount begin -- when did they begin paying that
- 21 amount?
- 22 A. I don't know the exact date.
- 23 Q. Okay. And do you know if there was
- 24 supposed to be a monthly reconciliation done of the
- 25 payments that were made to Westinghouse by SCE&G |25| outline going forward under the current split between

- 1 and/or SCANA?
  - A. There was tracking being done each month.
- 3 Basically, the fixed-price option, the best I
- 4 remember was it was offered to us in the fall of '15.
- 5 We signed it, presented it to the PSC, I think, in
- 6 the fall of '16, and so that's when it became in
- 7 effect.
- 8 The fixed-price option, though, actually
- 9 fixed the price of the remaining work on the plant,
- 10 not from the fall of '15 when it was negotiated, but
- 11 I think it went back to June of '15, if my
- 12 recollection is correct.
- 13 So there was a set of books that had to be
- 14 kept to calculate what was paid all the way from June
- 15 of '15 to the point where the fixed-price option was
- 16 actually approved and accepted by us, and then some
- 17 reconciliation would occur.
- 18 Q. And did that reconciliation occur, to your
- 19 knowledge?
- 20 A. I don't know the details on that.
- 21 Q. So when they -- SCE&G and/or SCANA --
- 22 entered into the fixed-price agreement or entered
- 23 into an agreement that had an option to exercise the
- 24 fixed price in October of 2015, and then they
- 25 exercised that option, but it had to still be
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- 1 approved by the PSC; is that correct?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. And then that was approved in the fall of
- 4 2016?
- A. Correct.
- Q. But from October of 2015 forward is when
- they were paying whatever the monthly amount was per 7
- 8 month?
- 9 A. There was some monthly amount that was
- 10 negotiated, and I was not part of the negotiation to
- 11 determine that amount.
- Q. And was part of that contract to fix the 12
- 13 cost of labor?
- 14 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.
- 15 MR. MITCHELL: Same.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Was part of what contract?
- 17 BY MR. ALPHIN:
- Q. The amendment that was done in October of 18
- 19 2015 which ultimately became the fixed-price option
- 20 that was exercised.

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- Was the main reason --
- 22 A. At least in my mind, you're tying two
- 23 things together that aren't really related. There
- 24 was an amendment from 2015 that would basically

#### Page 344 Page 342 1 fixed and firm and T&M and target what those costs 1 to be able to honor that. 2 would look like going forward. 2 Q. Was it a good deal for Westinghouse? 3 MR. CHALLY: Objection. O. Correct. A. We asked them also for a fixed-price 4 MR. COX: Object to form. 5 option that, should we approve it and the PSC approve 5 THE WITNESS: I have no opinion on that. 6 it, would instead convert all the remaining costs 6 BY MR. ALPHIN: 7 from June of '15 going forward to be fixed price. 7 Q. Did SCE&G and/or SCANA review the savings Q. And that would include the labor costs, 8 that were going to be achieved at different PF levels 9 correct? over time if the fixed-price option was exercised? 10 A. Yes. It would include -- I mean, it would 10 A. I was not involved in the analysis. That 11 include everything except owners' costs. 11 was done by Corporate. To look at all the potential 12 Q. Okay. And as we talked about earlier, the 12 things that could happen or the outcomes and exactly 13 labor cost was a large part of the variable cost; is 13 what they put into that analysis, I was not part of. that correct? 14 14 Q. Have you seen that analysis? 15 A. Yes. 15 A. I have not. 16 And so by entering into the fixed-price 16 (Exhibit 19 was marked for identification.) option, SCE&G and/or SCANA was limiting its exposure 17 MR. ALPHIN: Okay. If you want to take a for the labor cost or the variable costs we discussed 18 minute with him with this, you're welcome to. earlier? 19 MR. CHALLY: Okay. Let me see. 20 That's correct. 20 MR. ALPHIN: Number 19. Α. 21 Okay. 21 MR. CHALLY: So let me just ask a A. And provided the price that they offered 22 question. No Bates stamps on this. Do you know us for a fixed-price option, when the risk folks and 23 where you got this? 24 the folks in the corporate office analyzed it, it had MR. ALPHIN: It was produced from Santee to be something that would be a good deal for the 25 Cooper pursuant to a FOIA, and it's the last Page 345 Page 343 consumer, the rate payer. three pages that we're going to be talking 1 2 And did you look at the deal that was done 2 about. as it relates to that, and was it a good deal? 3 THE WITNESS: So --A. My personal opinion was it was a good 4 MR. MITCHELL: Before you -- Why don't we 5 deal. 5 take a quick break? 6 Q. Was it a very good deal? 6 MR. CHALLY: Yeah, let's do that. 7 7 VIDEOGRAPHER: Off record at 5:54 p.m. MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 8 THE WITNESS: My opinion, it was a good 8 (A recess transpired from 5:54 p.m. until 9 deal for the consumer. It provided a level of 9 6:03 p.m.) 10 protection by fixing not just from the day we 10 VIDEOGRAPHER: On record at 6:03 p.m. 11 signed the option going forward, but literally 11 BY MR. ALPHIN: 12 from about a year and a half prior to that, Q. You have before you what I believe to be 12 13 fixed the price of the remainder of the project. 13 Exhibit Number 19. Have you had a chance to review 14 BY MR. ALPHIN: 14 that? 15 Q. And when it was entered into, did you 15 A. I did look at it. personally believe that Westinghouse was going to 16 Q. Okay. I'll ask you to turn to page 15 for 17 honor its obligations under the contract? 17 me, please, and they put in here a slide called A. I did. I had nothing to -- no reason to 18 "SCE&G's Analysis." 18 19 believe that they wouldn't. 19 Do you see that? Q. And you didn't think it was too good of a 20 20 A. I see that. 21 deal to be true? 21 Q. And in this, Santee Cooper, at least, A. I thought it was a good deal for -- for 22 identifies SCE&G's primary motive is labor cost as the company. I thought it was a good deal for the 23 the primary driver for the fixed-price option. Is 24 rate payer in South Carolina, and there was nothing 24 that your understanding? that I saw that would say Westinghouse was not going 25 A. That's a factor. I can't state whether it

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#### Page 346 Page 348 1 was our primary driver or not. 1 And which page? I'm sorry. Q. Is that what this document says? Q. Number 10, please, sir. A. I don't -- I've never seen this analysis A. Okav. 4 before. Q. And you said that the fixed-price option 5 5 was -- or that the contractor amendment that had the Q. But does this document say that SCE&G's 6 analysis, labor cost, primary driver? 6 fixed-price option was entered in October of 2015; is 7 7 that correct? A. That's what this piece of paper says. 8 Q. Okay. And this is from Santee Cooper, so A. The fixed-price option was proposed in the 9 fall of '15. It wasn't exercised until the fall of you have no reason to disagree with it, do you? 10 '16. 10 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 11 11 MR. CHALLY: Same objection. Q. Correct, but when was the amendment that 12 12 was entered into between SCE&G and Westinghouse? THE WITNESS: I don't have any knowledge 13 A. Fall of '15. right now to agree with it or disagree with it. 13 Q. Okay. At the time that the contract was 14 That's a Santee Cooper presentation, apparently. 14 BY MR. ALPHIN: 15 entered into in October of 2015, according to SCE&G's 15 16 Q. As the vice president of Santee -- or as 16 interrogatory responses, what was the PF in October SCE&G and/or SCANA, was labor a primary driver in 17 of 2015? 17 18 your decision to recommend the fixed-price option? 18 A. 1.69. 19 MS. SILVERMAN: Object to the form. 19 Q. Okay. And you said it was exercised in 20 THE WITNESS: Labor was a consideration in 20 what month, sir? 21 21 A. The fixed-price option? there, yes. BY MR. ALPHIN: 22 22 Q. Yes, sir. 23 23 A. I guess -- whenever it went before the Q. Okay. If you look at the chart in the 24 middle of the page, what is your understanding of 24 PSC, about that time next year, October of '16. 25 Q. And what was the PF then, sir? what this chart means? Page 347 Page 349 A. I have no idea. A. 1.99. 1 1 2 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 2 Q. Okay. And so it will be between -- would THE WITNESS: I've never seen this before. 3 3 you agree with me that in that time, the PF was 4 either between 1.69 and 1.99 in that one-year period, 4 I was not part of any analysis that was done from a sensitivity perspective. 5 sir? BY MR. ALPHIN: A. Yes. Q. Okay. If this is, in fact, the cost 7 Q. Okay. Across the top, what does it say? 8 A. "Confidential." 8 savings that would be experienced by the owners at 9 Q. No, across the top of the chart, sir. 9 the V.C. Summer plant and you see the savings and A. "Labor escalation rate." 10 10 percentages, there is a substantial savings that's 11 Q. And then what's it say down the side, sir? 11 being realized by the owners by exercising of the 12 12 fixed-price option related to those PF factors; is A. "Productivity factor." 13 Q. Okay. And if it talks about the different 13 that correct? percentage changes in the boxes, what does that mean MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 15 to you, if you have any idea? 15 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 16 A. I don't know. 16 THE WITNESS: Again, this is not something 17 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 17 I've seen before. I don't know what context 18 BY MR. ALPHIN: 18 surrounds this other than what's put on the page 19 Q. Okay. Looking at Exhibit Number 18, which 19 here. is the request for the interrogatories, if you'll 20 And exactly the 10.2 to 19.8 percent they turn to page number 10 for me, please, sir. 21 came up with, I don't know. Again, with -- with 22 A. Yeah, I'm not sure if I have them in 22 PF, you know what it is up until the fall of 23 order. 23 '16. You don't know what's going to happen 24 Q. She put them in order for you, sir. 24 after that. It could get better. A. Thank you. I do have them in order, then. 25

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#### Page 350 Page 352 1 BY MR. ALPHIN: 1 for you, Mr. Jones. 2 Q. Is that what had happened throughout the THE WITNESS: Okay. project? Did it get better, or did it get worse? 3 **EXAMINATION** A. I think we've already talked about that, 4 BY MR. CHALLY: 5 5 Q. For the record, I'm Jon Chally. I and I agreed it's increased over the project. Q. Okay. And you entered into that 6 represent SCE&G in this case. 7 Mr. Jones, you are -- your testimony 7 fixed-price contract in October -- or you entered into the agreement that had the fixed-price option in earlier, you described the original EPC agreement October of 2015; is that correct? 9 that -- which was entered into before you joined 10 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. Asked and 10 SCANA; is that right? 11 11 answered. A. Right. Okay. You -- do you have a general 12 12 THE WITNESS: Yes. 13 BY MR. ALPHIN: 13 understanding with EPC -- as to EPC arrangements in 14 the nuclear industry? Q. And the PF was 1.69 at that time? 15 A. Yes. 15 A. Yeah. I mean, some of the major projects 16 Q. And in the year between that and the time 16 that I referred to that we had done in my past were 17 it was exercised, it went up from 1.69 to 1.99 --17 under EPC agreements. 18 18 Q. And what is -- if you can, in summary 19 Q. -- based on what we talked about earlier? 19 form, describe sort of like the hallmarks of an EPC 20 arrangement. What does it really mean to have an 20 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 21 THE WITNESS: Correct. 21 arrangement like that? A. So basically, in the case with Summer, it 22 BY MR. ALPHIN: 22 was a little bit different in that the contract was 23 Q. So it's getting worse and not better, with a consortium, two members. 24 correct? 25 A lot of times, an EPC is with a single 25 A. That's correct. Page 351 Page 353 Q. Okay. And this is represented by Santee 1 entity, and basically you are contracting with them 1 Cooper to be the SCE&G analysis. to perform complete scope for engineering, 3 Your representation is that you've never procurement, and construction of a modification on a seen this; is that correct? plant or, in this case, a new plant. 5 MR. MITCHELL: Objection. Q. And is it then the contractor or, in the 6 MR. CHALLY: Same objection. case of the Summer project, the consortium's responsibility to do that engineering procurement and 7 THE WITNESS: I have never seen it before. 8 I was not involved in any sensitivity analysis construct; is that right? 9 that was done on the fixed-price option. 9 That's correct. 10 Okay. And that is to -- and when I focus 10 BY MR. ALPHIN: 11 Q. Do you know who at SCE&G would have been on the consortium or the contractor, that means it's their responsibility as distinct from the owner of 12 involved in that? 13 13 A. My assumption is Joe Lynch out of the project; is that right? 14 Corporate who did sensitivity analysis for the 14 That's correct. 15 Okay. Is that a reasonable approach to 15 project as the project progressed, and I would think 16 the senior leadership team was involved. But as to 16 the construction of new nuclear facilities, in your 17 17 view? the exact number of folks, I don't know. 18 18 In today's day and age, I think that's the Q. But you had no idea what savings level only way you would build one. 19 would be achieved by entering into the fixed-price 19 20 20 option? Why is that? 21 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 21 So something that's changed since plants 22 THE WITNESS: No. were built in the '70s and '80s is that some 23 MR. ALPHIN: Okay. No more questions. utilities back then had the resources internal to 24 MR. CHALLY: You done? their company that were either available or ready or 25 Okay. I have just a handful of questions could be ramped up and made available to do one or

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Page 354 Page 356 1 more of those three functions. 1 States. So, for example, when I worked for Duke 2 Q. Fair enough. So go back, at what point do Energy, the plants that Duke built back in the '70s 3 you recall being the last new nuclear development and the '80s, Duke did not have an EPC contract to 4 that was outside the context of an EPC arrangement? build those. Duke had a contract with, for Oconee, A. Well, the last one that was completed in Babcock & Wilcox; and for Catawba McGuire, 6 the '80s was probably Vogtle 1 and 2 because I Westinghouse, to provide nuclear steam supply 7 believe Southern Company was similar to Duke as far 8 systems, associated engineering work that goes with 8 as the resources they had to put on that project. I 9 the nuclear steam supply system, seismic analysis, 9 don't think they had an EPC agreement for that. everything that kind of supports that proprietary 10 The last of the '70s and '80s vintage product that they offered. So that's the reactor 11 plants that was finished was actually Watts Bar 2, vessel, it's the steam generators, it's reactor 12 which is owned by Tennessee Valley Authority, and 13 coolant system piping. 13 that wasn't finished until -- I can't remember 14 The rest of the plant, though, was 14 exactly when it came on line. It was started in designed by Duke, and all the construction was done 15 1980 -- 1980 or somewhere around there. It didn't go by Duke. All the licensing was done by Duke. All 16 online until about four years ago. I mean, it was the procurement, aside from the nuclear steam supply 17 decades sitting between when they originally started system which was provided by Westinghouse, was done 18 it, put it on hold, and then finally finished it. by Duke. 19 That one was done under more of an 20 That requires a huge organization to do 20 EPC-type arrangement. TVA didn't have all the that. Duke was able to do it because they had moved 21 resources. They, in fact, contracted Bechtel to be from building large fossil plants to building nuclear 22 their prime contractor. power plants, and so much of that workforce was in 23 Q. Okay. So is it fair to say that, in your place already. And so they simply shifted it from a view, given your experience in the industry, the only focus on fossil plants to a focus on nuclear plants. reasonable way to construct new nuclear facilities in Page 355 Page 357 There was some other utilities back then this day and age is through an EPC arrangement? 2 also that took that same approach. There were other In the United States, yes. utilities back then that didn't have those types of 3 Okay. All right. Now, an EPC arrangement resources because they weren't at, like, a transition does have a cost, though. And by "cost," I don't stage and a large construction program, and they mean dollar cost, but it is -- it leads to a 6 did -- I don't know exactly what their contracts different ability of an owner to direct construction looked like, but they would have done something 7 efforts, right? similar to an EPC-type arrangement. 8 Α. That's correct. Q. 9 Can you explain that in a little bit more In today's day and age, though, utilities do not have those types -- I don't know of a single detail? 10 11 utility, public utility, that has that type of 11 So through an EPC, we, in our case, 12 12 resource already within the company or to a great contracted with the consortium, and that was 13 degree within the company and you merely have to 13 originally Westinghouse and Shaw, to take complete supplement it a little bit to bring it to an adequate 14 responsibility for the engineer, procure, construct. 15 15 level to be able to take on a new nuclear plant and, That meant they provided all the for that matter, even a large fossil plant or gas 16 management for that, the resources to -- to support 17 plant. 17 the different aspects that we're talking about there: 18 Engineering resources to do the design, the workforce Q. So are you aware -- since, let's say, 19 2000, are you aware of a singular nuclear to actually do the hands-on construction. They let 20 construction effort, new nuclear construction effort, the subcontracts to either -- subcontractors are 21 that was done outside the context of the EPC going to be working on site to do particular portions 22 arrangement? 22 of construction. 23 23 A. Since 2000? They also put out the procurement 24 O. Uh-huh. specifications, went through the bid process and 25 A. There weren't any started in the United contract process with suppliers to provide all the

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1	components that were needed. That was their	1	A. I was.		
2	responsibility that the EPC charges them with.	2	Q at the Summer project.		
3	And along with the EPC is is the fact	3	Did that color your view ultimately of		
4	that they are running the show. We can't on a daily	4			
5	basis direct their work. So we can't go out in the	5			
6	field and tell one of their crews during construction	6			
7	what to do. We can't go to one of the suppliers	7			
8	that's providing components and tell them what to do	8			
9	different because our contract is not with them. Our	9			
10	contract was with Westinghouse and, again, originally	10			
11	Shaw, then CB&I as a constructor.	11			
12	Q. Okay. So even considering that	12			
13	potential	13			
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15	Westinghouse could say we're in breach of contract.	15	-		
16	Q. So even with that limitation, is it your	16 17			
17	view that EPC arrangements are appropriate these days	17			
18	for new nuclear construction?	18			
19	A. Yes.	19			
20	Q. Okay. Now, isn't it true and I think	20			
21	you just alluded to this that you were familiar,	21	You were ultimately responsible for		
22	you are familiar, and you were familiar in early 2016	22	overseeing work on the project site; is that right?		
23	with Bechtel in the nuclear construction industry; is	23	A. Correct.		
24	that right?	24	Q. Okay. And to do that, to carry out that		
25	A. I was familiar with Bechtel in the nuclear	25	function, you needed a plan for addressing what you		
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1	construction, yes.	1			
1 2	construction, yes.	1 2	were responsible for overseeing; isn't that fair,		
2	construction, yes. Q. Okay. And in 2016, you were familiar with	2	were responsible for overseeing; isn't that fair, roughly?		
2 3	construction, yes.  Q. Okay. And in 2016, you were familiar with their involvement in the Watts Bar project, right?	_	were responsible for overseeing; isn't that fair, roughly?  A. Yes, yeah.		
2	construction, yes.  Q. Okay. And in 2016, you were familiar with their involvement in the Watts Bar project, right?  A. I was.	2 3	were responsible for overseeing; isn't that fair, roughly?  A. Yes, yeah. Q. Okay. Did that require a schedule of some		
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#### Page 362 Page 364 1 oversight portion of that organization was nearly 1 project down and restructure it and take Bechtel complete. The operations maintenance side was not, 2 out of the lead role. and we had to build that. 3 BY MR. COX: But after some period of evaluation, Q. So let's take that one by one. Part of 5 looking at the folks that we had, their capabilities, 5 your opinion that Bechtel did a miserable job is looking at folks that we had either hired directly or 6 because the project was shut down? contracted in that had certain skills and expertise, 7 A. That was the culmination of the problems 8 I felt we had a good team that was adequate to 8 that Bechtel was not able to solve on that project. provide not only appropriate on-site oversight but 9 There's a good Office of the Inspector General report also, as problems occurred in suppliers or things 10 that covers the very same issue that makes for an like that, we had the ability to go out and provide 11 interesting read. those additional direct oversight on either an Q. What does that report say? intermittent basis or a continuous basis. A. There was a -- I read it years ago because 13 14 Okay. One final topic on this particular 14 we looked for lessons learned in there for our document, which I think was marked as Exhibit 2, 15 project. But it basically says there were a number Westinghouse's letter to you dated July 16, 2014. 16 of breakdowns -- inadequacies, I guess, is the term I 17 Yes. Okay. 17 would use on Bechtel's part -- in their role to 18 I think you discussed with Mr. Cox some perform that EPC-type function. language in this second paragraph and specifically Q. Can you describe what those inadequacies the sentence that ends -- that begins on this page 20 were? and then ends on the next -- first page and ends on 21 A. I can't, not until I go back -- I'd have the second. 22 to go back and pull the report out. And it writes: "However, in mid-April of Q. Is part of your opinion that Bechtel did a this year, we were informed by SCE&G that the owners 24 miserable job the fact that the project was shut did not require any reports on the schedule until all 25 down? Page 365 Page 363 potential mitigation efforts have been explored." A. Yes. Plus I had discussions with folks at 2 Uh-huh. 2 TVA that were in lead roles. Okay. Do you have -- why would you have 3 Q. Who was that? not required a report on the schedule at this time? A. One was Mike Skaggs, who chaired our A. Because it's really not a schedule yet. 5 Construction Oversight Review Board. I've known Mike It's not an accurate schedule until you explored your 6 for many years. He's an exec- -- a senior executive mitigation options and basically looked at all the 7 with TVA. Very straight shooter, reliable source of 8 possibilities, how the activities tie together, where 8 information, kind of calls it like it is. 9 there is a fit in a particular activity, whether And Bechtel was just incapable of meeting 10 additional work needs to be done to reduce the 10 the expectations on that project in that lead role. duration of it. And we needed to let them go through Q. And you didn't have firsthand knowledge of those iterations and present to us their best and 12 the quality of Bechtel's performance on that project, 13 final proposal and not some intermediate proposal. 13 correct? 14 MR. CHALLY: Okay. That's all I've got. 14 A. Meaning I was not there. 15 Q. You didn't observe Bechtel's performance 15 Thank you. 16 MR. COX: I have a few questions further. 16 on that project? 17 17 A. Not directly, no. **FURTHER EXAMINATION** Q. Did Westinghouse do a good job in its 18 19 performance on the V.C. Summer project? 19 BY MR. COX: 20 Q. Mr. Jones, what is the basis for your A. In some areas, they did an adequate job 21 opinion that Bechtel did a miserable job on 21 and they fulfilled their responsibilities. And in 22 Watts Bar? 22 others, they didn't. 23 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. Q. And the project ultimately was abandoned, 24 THE WITNESS: I think, again, the fact 24 correct? that Watts Bar had -- or TVA had to shut the A. For V.C. Summer Units 2 and 3, it was

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#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 366 Page 368 1 abandoned. 1 '17, Westinghouse filed for bankruptcy. 2 Q. That's not the result you were looking for Q. So you never saw the benefit of moving to 3 when you signed onto the project, is it? 3 a single member of the consortium during your time on A. That's correct. 4 the project? MR. MITCHELL: Objection. 5 A. We never saw the full benefit of it. 6 BY MR. COX: 6 Q. Did you see any benefit? 7 Q. It's correct to say that you weren't 7 A. Again, I think Fluor, although it was a really interested in the results of the Bechtel 8 little bit slower ramping up for them, they were assessment because you felt that Bechtel was looking improving by the end of '16. 9 to obtain a role for itself on the project, correct? 10 Q. You mentioned the EPC did not allow SCE&G 11 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 11 to directly work with subcontractors to improve 12 THE WITNESS: No, that's not correct. 12 performance on the project; is that correct? 13 We were certainly interested in what they 13 A. Correct. 14 came up with. The reality was, what they came Q. What provision in the EPC prohibited SCE&G 14 15 up with was circling some bullet holes that we 15 from doing that? 16 already knew and not providing much meaningful 16 A. Because Westinghouse had that 17 insight about how to correct issues. It was a 17 responsibility delegated in the EPC, not SCANA. 18 pretty hollow report, in my opinion. 18 Q. Do you know the provision in the EPC that 19 BY MR. COX: 19 provided that? Q. But if they were circling bullet holes 20 20 A. No. There is a table in there that that you already knew, they were identifying the same 21 delineates responsibilities between the owner and the 22 issues that you had identified, correct? 22 consortium. A. Correct, many of which we had actions 23 Q. And the reason that SCE&G, in your view, 24 underway to try to help the consortium improve in. 24 could not take that action is because SCE&G signed a 25 25 contract that didn't allow it to take those actions, Q. And those actions failed, didn't they? Page 367 Page 369 A. Not all of them. 1 1 correct? 2 Q. Did any of them work? 2 MR. CHALLY: Object to form. 3 A. I think so. 3 THE WITNESS: Well, the folks out in the 4 Q. Which one? 4 field doing the work didn't work for us. They A. I don't have the report in front of me. I 5 worked for Westinghouse or the constructor. 6 can't go back and from memory recite that. Some of 6 BY MR. COX: 7 them naturally went away when the consortium was 7 Q. But if the contract told you that SCE&G 8 changed to a single person or single entity at 8 was permitted to directly interact with those 9 Westinghouse as opposed to two consortium members 9 entities, then --10 10 that would stand the chance of bickering back and A. We were --11 forth on issues. 11 Q. -- that would address the issue of the 12 Q. So what concern went away when that 12 contract prohibiting it, correct? 13 occurred? 13 A. It wouldn't be an EPC contract then. It 14 A. There was one -- one entity to deal with, 14 would be some other type of contract. 15 which was Westinghouse. They could not point a 15 And I can't imagine that it would be a 16 finger at Fluor, for example, that was now the 16 contract where a Westinghouse and constructor 17 constructor because Fluor worked for them. Fluor was 17 consortium would want to sign it. You're not going 18 not a partner with them. 18 to sign a contract that says "We're responsible for 19 Q. Did that improve the results on the 19 everything, but you can go in as the owner and do 20 project? 20 whatever you want and boss our people around."

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Q. Mr. Chally asked you a couple of questions

#### Ronald Alan Jones Page 370 Page 372 1 regarding EPCs. 1 nuclear build has been successful; is that correct? Are you familiar with an EPC contract that 2 A. If you're talking about recent history, 3 has been completed on a new nuclear build in the 3 meaning the past decade, then, yeah, that's correct. United States? I can't comment on those plants that were A. Well, in recent history, the only other 5 built in the '70s and '80s, some of which were under 6 build that's going on is Vogtle. It's obviously not 6 EPC contracts, as to the relative success of those completed. 7 because, again, the company I worked for at that time did not build under EPCs. We had resources in-house. 8 Q. And I think you testified that the TVA was 9 Q. Do you know if Bechtel is currently doing done under an EPC arrangement? 10 A. An EPC-like arrangement. I don't know all 10 work at the Vogtle plant? 11 the specifics of theirs, but that's where it started, 11 A. They are from what I read in the media. 12 was Bechtel being the prime contractor. Q. Okay. Do you know if that's being done 13 13 under an EPC contract? Q. And that was canceled, correct? 14 A. TVA? A. I don't know their contractual arrangement 14 15 there. No idea. Q. No, the EPC. 15 16 A. Yes. And TVA took over responsibility for MR. ALPHIN: No further questions. 16 MR. CHALLY: Okay. All done. Thank you. 17 managing the project. 17 18 Q. And when did that happen, do you know? 18 MR. MITCHELL: No questions. 19 A. 2011 time frame, '10 time frame, I'm not 19 VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes the 20 sure. 20 deposition. The time is 6:33 p.m. 21 Q. So that was something you were familiar 21 with prior to your time at SCANA? 22 22 (Witness excused.) 23 A. Yes. 23 24 24 Q. And was that something that you at SCANA, (Deposition was concluded at 6:33 p.m.) you and/or SCE&G and SCANA, considered doing with 25 Page 371 1 Westinghouse? A. No. I was not involved in any discussion

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- A. No. I was not involved in any discussion with senior leadership that weighed the pros and cons doing something like that.
- Q. Was that something you would have recommended doing, knowing that outcome that had happened with the TVA project?

8 MR. CHALLY: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Our project is -- was different than the TVA project. The TVA project was a plant that was about 80 percent completed and then sat there for a couple decades. So it was more akin to doing a major plant refurbishment. They didn't start from scratch.

This was a brand-new -- and that design had been built before. TVA Watts Bar Unit 1 was an exact replica of it. This was a first-of-a-kind plant. It had not been built

before.
 The risks and reward of one approach being
 we would take it over are quite a bit different

than what TVA was facing.

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Q. And just to be clear, it's your testimony today that no EPC contract as it relates to a new

# SIGNATURE OF DEPONENT

I, the undersigned, RONALD ALAN JONES, do
hereby certify that I have read the foregoing
deposition transcript and find it to be a true and
accurate transcription of my testimony, with the
following corrections, if any:

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## CERTIFICATE

I, Karen K. Kidwell, RMR, CRR, in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, do hereby certify that there came before me on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, the person hereinbefore named, who was by me duly sworn to testify to the truth and nothing but the truth of his knowledge concerning the matters in controversy in this cause; that the witness was thereupon examined under oath, the examination reduced to typewriting under my direction, and the deposition is a true record of the testimony given by the witness.

I further certify that I am neither attorney or counsel for, nor related to or employed by, any attorney or counsel employed by the parties hereto or financially interested in the action.

This the 24th day of October, 2018.

Karen K. Kidwell, RMR, CRR
Notary Public #7625774

My Commission Expires: 9/30/2019

Ronfild Jones Vice President New Nuclear Operations



June 19, 2014 NND-14-0354

Chris Levesque
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Subject: V.G. Summer Units 2 and 3 Guaranteed Substantial Completion Dates

Reference; (1) Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Agreement flor AP 1000
Nuclear Power Plants, Dated May 23, 2008 – V.C. Summer Units 2
and 2

(2) VSP\_VSG\_002024, dated August 6, 2012

Dear Mr. Levesque,

The Consortium is in the process of preparing atwither re-baselline of the project work schedule. You had previously promised to provide that document by May 30, 2014, but we now understand that you antitipate taking an additional six weeks to prepare it. We urge you to deliver the newwork schedule as soon as you are able because we need to advise third parties of your latest projections. We also remind you that we expect the upcoming re-baselined work schedule to include all mitigation measures reasonably possible to ensure completion of Units 2 and 3 on or near the currently projected completion dates.

We also wish to remind you that the current progress payment schedules are out of sync with the currently anticipated completion dates for units 2 and 3 substantial completion. Consequently, the payment schedules in their current form would require payment for progress well in advance of when it is actually actilieved. This problem Will likely remain and may get works with the upcoming re-baselined work schedule. We plan to addition this problem, once we receive the new re-baselined work \$Cb\$diale, by adjusting the progress payment schedules so that they coordinate with the re-baselined project work schedule.

The Consentium has found it necessary to again re-baseline the work schedule because of the Consentium's own performance deficiencies. We antidiparte that the upcominity re-baselined work schedule with continue to show substantial completion of Unit 2



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and Unit 3 well past the dates established in the parties' agreement of July 11, 2012. The Consortium is responsible for bearing all costs associated with its unexcused delays, including all escalation costs. Consequently, effective immediately, we will no longer pay the portion of escalation costs that is associated with the Consortium's numercused delays. Additionally, we plan to adjust future escalation payments to account for escalation we have overpald since we executed the Jqly 11, 2012 agreement.

Please advise if you have any questions about these intended adjulatiments to the payment schedules and the escalation payments.

Ronald Jones Vice President

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Response to NND-14-0354, "V.C. Summer Units 2 and 3 Guaranteed Substantial Subject:

**Completion Dates**"

1) Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Agreement for AP10000® Nuclear References:

> Power Plants, Dated May 23, 2008-V.C. Summer Units 2 and 3 ("Agreement") 2) NND-14-0354, "V.C. Summer Units 2 and 3 Guaranteed Substantial Completion

Dates," Dated June 19, 2014

Action: No Action Required; For Information Only

Dear Mr. Jones:

We are in receipt of your letter NND-14-0354 (Reference 2) dated June 19, 2014. As you note, Westinghouse Electric Company LLC (Westinghouse) and CB&I Stone & Webster, Inc. (Stone & Webstern) - collectively referred to as the "Consortium" -are in the process of reviewing and updating the project schedule for the V.C. Summer nuclear facility (the "Project") and remain committed to providing a revised Project schedule as required to support Project construction. Due to a variety of factors, including substantial regulatory-driven changes and unforeseeable events, this has required a significant undertaking by the Consortium to fully analyze the impacts on Project construction schedule and mitigate associated schedule delays.

Throughout this process, the Consortium has offered to provide the Owners with information and feedback, as the Consortium appreciates the Owner's need to communicate schedule projections with third parties. However, in mid-April of this year, we were informed by SCE&G that the Owners did not

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require any reports on the schedule until all potential mitigation efforts had been explored. At that time, the Owners understood that the mitigation analysis would not be completed by the end of May 2014.

During a subsequent meeting with SCE&G on May 5, 2014, an e-mail that the Consortium was planning to send to the Owners relating to the ongoing, yet inconclusive, schedule mitigation analyses was discussed. SCE&G concurred with the content, but it was jointly decided that the Consortium would not send the e-mail until mitigation analyses were more complete. It was agreed that the Consortium (i) was in the process of revising the schedule and that this process identified further risks to the schedule, including risks to the CA01, CA03 and U2 CV Ring 2 dates; (ii) will continue its schedule development efforts and communicate the results only after it has evaluated achievable mitigation efforts; and (iii) expects a period of review by Owners before the schedule is considered final. SCE&G also requested that the Consortium present the updated schedule to the Owners on May 30,2014, assuming the Consortium was ready.

The Consortium was prepared to provide the Owners with updated schedule information during a meeting scheduled for May 30, 2014. However, on May 29, 2014, SCE&G advised the Consortium that the Owners had elected to cancel the meeting. Although mitigation analysis continues, and as stated by the Consortium in a meeting with SCE&G on June 10, 2014, the current schedule shows that the significant dates identified by Steve Byrne in his email to me April 1, 2014, are not reasonably achievable. The Consortium will continue to analyze the schedule and study possible mitigation efforts. We expect to convey a revised integrated project schedule to the Owners on August 1, 2014.

In your letter, you also assert that that the current progress payment schedules are out of sync with the currently anticipated substantial completion dates for Units 2 and 3, resulting in payment schedules that require payment for progress well in advance of when it is actually achieved. This statement is not correct given the nature and structure of the milestone payment schedules in the EPC Agreement (Reference 1). As negotiated and agreed, the milestones identified in certain payment schedules are representative in nature and were designed to allow the Consortium to recover costs for major aspects of the Project work and maintain neutral cash flow. These costs are incurred by the Consortium on an ongoing basis despite a shift in the schedule. However, the Consortium is now negatively impacted because the representative milestone payments cannot be billed while the costs that the representative milestone payments were intended to cover continue to be incurred by the Consortium. This results in a negative cash position for the Consortium such that the Consortium is behind in cash collections by over \$400M as of first quarter 2014 as compared to September 2012 cash flow submission.

In addition, the Consortium is negatively impacted by a schedule shift as it relates to firm price progress payments, which also were designed to cover ongoing Project work. Payment dates associated with these payments were not shifted as part of the 2012 settlement agreement. As a result of any schedule shift that is ultimately determined, the Consortium's Project work is expected to continue beyond the final invoice date stated in the applicable Exhibit to the EPC Agreement.

As noted above, the Consortium is committed to providing an updated schedule to support the Project construction in compliance with the EPC Agreement. We disagree with your general statement that all delays are the result of the Consortium's "performance deficiencies" and reject the statement that the Consortium is responsible for all costs associated with any delays. To the extent the revised Project schedule reflects delays, the mitigation of such delays and allocation of the costs associated therewith as

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between the Owners and the Consortium will be governed by the requirements of the EPC Agreement. We expect to address any such issues in detail consistent with the terms of the EPC Agreement once the Project schedule review is complete.

Finally, the Consortium does not accept and specifically rejects the assertion that the Owners are entitled to adjust progress payment schedules or refuse to pay or adjust future escalation payments. In this regard, the terms of the EPC Agreement are clear: The Owners' exclusive remedy for a non-excusable delay in completion of the Units is the assessment of delay liquidated damages. If and to the extent a non-excusable critical path delay occurs and ultimately impacts a contractual milestone date, the Consortium will either mitigate or be liable for delay liquidated damages in accordance with the terms of the EPC Agreement. The EPC Agreement does not permit the Owners to make any adjustment to contractual payment schedules or escalation payments required under the contract. To the extent the Owners dispute making such contractual payments, the EPC Agreement provides a mechanism through Article 8.4 to address such issues.

We expect that all parties will abide by the provisions of the EPC Agreement and the Owners will honor the allocations of risk and responsibility reflected in the EPC Agreement. Accordingly, we reserve all of the rights and remedies that Westinghouse and CB&I Stone & Webster have under the EPC Agreement, the 2012 settlement agreement, and at law or in equity.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact JoAnne Hyde at (412) 374-5650, or the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Christopher R. Levesque

Vice President and Consortium Project Director

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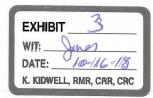
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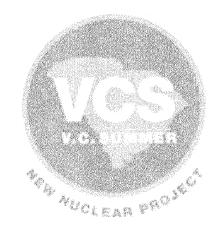
Hello Carlette,

Attached are the meeting materials for tomorrow's meeting. We look forward to reviewing this information with you in detail.

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# Target and T&W Estimate Update

August 29, 2014 Jenkinsvile, SC

The information contained herein is an estimate based on assumptions and facts known to the Comtractor at this point in time. Comtractor expressly reserves the right modify any information or estimate as may be necessary from time to time.

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- Estimate developed beginning with CO-16 and adding projected forecast for the remainder of the project
- Where appropriate, estimate is based on the same assumptions as used in development of the IPS
- 3. Estimate is based on the dates identified in the IPS
- 4. Where uncertainty remains, the best available information was utilized for estimating cost
- Unit rates were unchanged. Productivity Factors and quantity adjustments are the basis for adjustment/change of labor hours.
- Quantities were updated using design information and evaluated against other nuclear projects
- 7. Productivity factors were evaluated utilizing project experience to date and assumed improvements going forward
- 8. Estimate includes known and reasonably quantifiable impacts only
- 9. No cost is included for schedule acceleration other than limited 2<sup>nd</sup> shift work.
- 10. Estimate does not consider NNI expediting impact
- 11. Site Layout and Cyber Security reflect current outstanding proposal amounts
- 12. Contingency was estimated based on the ETC forecast. The risk profile will be updated upon completion of the time phasing.

### Key Mitigations Strategies in Revised Estimate

- 1. E&DCRs will be incorporated in parent drawings.
- The concrete plan improvements will continue to be implemented. These
  improvements include Tekla modeling and interference checking of the reinforcing
  with embedded commodities and reconciliation of known interferences prior to
  installation.
- 3. The suspended system designs will be modeled and clash detected to minimize physical inferences at the point of installation.
- 4. Generic tolerance requirements will be established in most cases reducing the need for individual specific NND's and EDCR's.
- 5. Constructability review of critical and complex installations will be performed in support of IPS requirements.
- 6. CBI will implement various Work Package improvements.
- Critical deliverables for construction will be referenced and support the IPS requirements.

Implementation of the foregoing strategies is subject to regulatory changes and/or differing interpretations of existing regulations

- Project Management Improvements:
  - Improved Schedule quality and control (ECS/IPS)
  - Aggressive use of milestone and issue management
  - Continued development of the OCC
  - Area Management Focus
  - Weekly Area Managers Meeting
    - 3 week look ahead rigorously addressed
  - POD led by Construction Manager with strong focus on daily expectations
- EPC Process Improvements:
  - Focus on key work streams:
    - Shield Building
    - Mechanical and Structural Modules
    - Concrete
    - Steel
    - Piping
    - Electrical
    - HVAC

### Improvement Activities cont'd

- Individual work stream optimization projects will identify and implement changes to improve erection rates and commodity installation rates, for example by improved tolerance management, improved clash detection methods, work package improvements through early E&DCR incorporation, etc.
- These work stream improvement projects will benefit from the use of multi-disciplinary teams (design, construction, quality, etc.)

### **Estimate Approach**

- Estimates were compiled through an aggregation of data from multiple project team members and subcontractors for remaining work
- Estimates for June 2019(U2) and 2020(U3) Substantial Completion dates (SCD) were developed as the base case
- Accelerating actions were included to determine the December 2018 (U2) and December 2019 (U3) Substantial Completion estimates
- Productivity factors are assumed to improve over the remaining life of the project
- Respective estimates were reviewed between Consortium Members
- Target Price adjusted to reflect lower profit associated with exceeding Established Target Price

### Schedule Overview

- VC Summer Unit 2 Substantial Completion June 2019 (Impacted/Partially Accelerated)
  - 5X10 construction work schedule with selective extended work schedules (near-term & MAB excluded)
  - Fabrication and delivery of Main Steam/Feed Water penetration module will support construction needs
  - Fabrication and delivery of the Shield Building panels are based on the delivery dates provided by the vendor
  - The critical path proceeds through shield building wall panel deliveries from NNI into erection of the shield building walls and installation of the air intake structure, shield wall tension ring, top hat, shield building roof and setting of the PCS tank module on the roof. The path continues to operational testing through Fuel Load, continuing through Power Ascension, 100 percent power, then Substantial Completion.
  - Liquidated damages are assumed in the estimate based on the IPS.

### Summary of Cost Impacts – Target

June 2019 SCD Impacted / Partially Accelerated Case<sup>1</sup> \$2007 \$M

	CO-16	Proposed Estimate	Variance
Cost Area	Target	Target	Target
Direct Labor – Site Specific	\$94.3	\$92.3	(\$2.0)
Direct Labor – Unit 2	\$160.3	\$274.3	\$114.0
Direct Labor – Unit 3	\$166.3	\$272.9	\$106.6
Indirect Construction Labor	\$190.3	\$244.7	\$54.5
FNM	\$400.3	\$632.5	\$232.2
Subcontracts	\$272.4	\$416.5	\$144.1
Distributables	\$261.9	\$336.9	\$75.0
FNM Expenses	\$16.8	\$17.0	\$0.3
Construction Equipment Fuel	\$12.8	\$25.4	\$12.7
Other Costs	\$127.0	\$193.0	\$66.0
CBI SubTotal	\$1,702.3	\$2,505.6	\$803.2
EPC Mgmt		\$31.5	\$31.5
Containment Vessel	\$68.7	\$155.0	\$86.3
Plant Startup & Testing			
Other	\$21.0	\$21.0	<del>.</del>
Westinghouse SubTotal	\$89.7	\$207.5	\$117.8
Total	\$1,792.0	\$2,713.1	\$921.0



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### Summary of Cost Impacts – T&M

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Cost Area	CO-16 T&M	Proposed Estimate T&M	Variance T&M
Direct Labor – Site Specific			
Direct Labor – Unit 2			
Direct Labor – Unit 3	_		-
Indirect Construction Labor		\$26.5	\$26.5
FNM	\$0.1	\$6.6	\$6.5
Subcontracts	\$0.7	\$0.7	
Distributables	\$36.5	\$18.0	(\$18.5)
FNM Expenses		\$1.0	\$1.0
Start-up	\$96.2	\$97.0	\$0.8
Other Costs	\$47.2	\$56.6	\$9.4
CBI SubTotal	\$180.7	\$206.5	\$25.8
EPC Mgmt			
Containment Vessel	<del>-</del>		
Plant Startup & Testing	\$61.0	\$102.1	\$41.1
Other	\$50.4	\$104.6	\$54.2
Westinghouse SubTotal	\$111.5	\$206.7	\$95.3
Total	\$292.2	\$413.2	\$121.1



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### Summary of Cost Impacts -Tanget

Dec 2018 SCD Accelerated Case<sup>1</sup> \$2007 \$M

Cost Area	CO-16 Target	Impacted Pantially Accelerated Target Est. June SC	Proposed Acceleration	Variance to CO-16 Target
Direct Labor – Site Specific	\$94.3	\$92.3	5	(\$2.0)
Direct Labor – Unit 2	\$160.3	\$274.3	\$12.4	\$126.4
Direct Labor – Unit 3	\$166.3	\$272.9	\$12.4	\$119.0
Indirect Construction Labor	\$190.3	\$244.7	\$25.3	\$79.8
FNM	\$400.3	\$632.5	\$75.0	\$307.2
Subcontracts	\$272.4	\$416.5	\$1.6	\$145.7
Distributables	\$261.9	\$336.9	\$32.2	\$107.3
FNM Expenses	\$16.8	\$17.0	\$7.5	\$7.8
Construction Equipment Fuel	\$12.8	\$25.4		\$12.7
Other Costs	\$127.0	\$193.0		\$66.0
CBI SubTotal	\$1,702.3	\$2,505.6	\$166.5	\$969.7
EPC Mgmt		\$31.5	(\$10.5)	\$21.0
Containment Vessel	\$68.7	\$155.0	-	\$86.3
Plant Startup & Testing			eaument ministerio vasti. Se have testo tito, majorio 2019 filosofia (1906).	
Vendor Installation Support	\$21.0	\$21.0	<del>-</del>	•
Westinghouse SubTotal	\$89.7	\$207.5	(\$10.5)	\$107.3
Total	\$1,792.0	\$2,713.1	\$156.0	\$1,077.0



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### Summary of Cost Impacts – T&M

Dec 2018 SCD Accelerated Case<sup>1</sup> \$2007 \$M

Cost Area	CO-16 T&M	Impacted Pantially Accelerated Target Est. June SC	Proposed Acceleration	Variance to CO-16 T&M
Direct Labor – Site Specific		÷	<del>.</del>	
Direct Labor – Unit 2				
Direct Labor – Unit 3				
Indirect Construction Labor		\$26.5	\$2.5	\$29.0
FNM	\$0.1	\$6.6		\$6.6
Subcontracts	\$0.7	\$0.7		
Distributables	\$36.5	\$18.0	\$1.8	(\$16.7)
FNM Expenses		\$1.0		\$1.0
Start-up	\$96.2	\$97.0		\$0.9
Other Costs	\$47.2	\$56.6		\$9.3
CBI SubTotal	\$180.7	\$206.5	\$4.3	\$30.1
EPC Mgmt			-	
Containment Vessel				
Plant Startup & Testing	\$61.0	\$102.1	(\$1.4)	\$39.7
Other	\$50.4	\$104.6	(\$3.2)	\$51.0
Westinghouse SubTotal	\$111.5	\$206.7	(\$4.6)	\$90.7
Total	\$292.2	\$413.0	(\$0.3)	\$120.8



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- Impacted (partially accelerated)
  - Unit 2 Substantial Completion June 2019 (Unit 3 June 2020)
  - Productivity analysis performed (see productivity section) by evaluating cost per unit/building/discipline
  - Design quantities validated (see quantities section) and labor forecasted
  - Consolidated deviations since CO16 into estimate template
- Accelerated schedule
  - Assumes all improvements identified to support Impacted (partially accelerated) schedule.
  - Unit 2 Substantial Completion Dec 2018 (Unit 3 Dec 2019)
    - NNI Accelleration cost under evaluation
    - SB Erection Acceleration cost under evaluation
    - Inclusion of Schedule Comtinggency \$165M
    - Reduction of hatel/loads (\$13M)

### CB&I Direct Construction Labor - Estimate - \$2007 \$M

June 2019 SCD Impacted/Partially Accelerated Case

Cost Area	Site Specific	Unit 2	Unit 3	Total
Above Ground Electrical	\$10.7	\$74.4	\$74.4	\$159.5
Above Ground Pipe	\$8.1	\$71.2	\$71.6	\$150.9
Building Construction	\$0.1	\$2.2	\$2.2	\$4.5
Civil Site Work	\$35.3	\$0.4	\$0.7	\$36.4
Concrete	\$25.1	\$65.7	\$64.5	\$155.3
Instrumentation & Control	\$0.6	\$8.8	\$8.8	\$18.2
Major Equipment	\$2.0	\$23.7	\$22.4	\$48.1
Modules	\$0	\$7.6	\$7.8	\$15.4
Structural Steel	\$0.6	\$19.8	\$19.8	\$40.2
Under Ground Electrical	\$4.8	\$0.2	\$0.4	\$5.4
Under Ground Pipe	\$5.1	\$0.3	\$0.2	\$5.6
Total	\$92.3	\$274.3	\$272.9	\$639.5



### CB&I Direct Construction Labor - Site Specific Variances \$2007 \$M June 2019 SCD Impacted /Partially Accelerated Case

Cost Area	CO-16	Current Estimate	Variance
Above Ground Electrical	\$7.5	\$10.7	\$3.1
Above Ground Pipe	\$7.0	\$8.1	\$1.1
Building Construction	\$0.1	\$0.1	
Civil Site Work	\$16.4	\$35.3	\$18.9
Concrete	\$27.8	\$25.1	(\$2.6)
Instrumentation & Control	\$0.2	\$0.6	\$0.4
Major Equipment	\$29.8	\$2.0	(\$27.8)
Modules	ā		-
Structural Steel	\$0.5	\$0.6	\$0.1
Under Ground Electrical	\$3.3	\$4.8	\$1.5
Under Ground Pipe	\$1.8	\$5.1	\$3.3
Total	\$94.3	\$92.3	(\$2.0)



### CB&I Direct Construction Labor - Unit 2 Variances \$2007 \$M

June 2019 SCD Impacted /Partially Accelerated Case

Cost Area	CO-16	Current Estimate	Variance
Above Ground Electrical	\$46.6	\$74.4	\$27.8
Above Ground Pipe	\$47.6	\$71.2	\$23.5
Building Construction	\$0.9	\$2.2	\$1.4
Civil Site Work		\$0.4	\$0.4
Concrete	\$29.8	\$65.7	\$36.0
Instrumentation & Control	\$6.4	\$8.8	\$2.4
Major Equipment	\$17.1	\$23.7	\$6.5
Modules	\$1.0	\$7.6	\$6.7
Structural Steel	\$10.7	\$19.8	\$9.1
Under Ground Electrical	-	\$0.2	\$0.1
Jnder Ground Pipe	\$0.2	\$0.3	\$0.1
Total	\$160.3	\$274.3	\$114.0



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### CB&I Direct Construction Labor- Unit 3 Variances \$2007 \$M

June 2019 SCD Impacted /Partially Accelerated Case

Cost Area	<b>CO</b> -16	Current Estimate	Variance
Above Ground Electrical	\$46.6	\$74.4	\$27.8
Above Ground Pipe	\$47.6	\$71.6	\$24.0
Building Construction	\$0.9	\$2.2	\$1.4
Civil Site Work	\$0.2	\$0.7	\$0.5
Concrete	\$29.6	\$64.5	\$34.8
Instrumentation & Control	\$6.4	\$8.8	\$2.4
Major Equipment	\$20.4	\$22.4	\$2.0
Modules	\$3.4	\$7.8	\$4.3
Structural Steel	\$10.7	\$19.8	\$9.1
Under Ground Electrical	\$0.3	\$0.4	\$0.2
Under Ground Pipe	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.1
Total	\$166.3	\$272.9	\$106.6



### **CB&I** Direct Construction Labor Variance Explanations

Direct Construction Discipline	Variance Explanations in Addition to PF
Electrical	<ul> <li>Communications System Redesign</li> <li>Raceway Design Change</li> <li>Normal Shutdown After Fire</li> </ul>
Pipe	Design Development
Concrete	<ul> <li>NI Basemat</li> <li>Tolerance issues</li> <li>Density of rebar</li> <li>Formwork updated takeoffs</li> <li>Increases in Anchor Bolt &amp; Embed Quantities</li> <li>Increase of ~ 25,000 cy</li> </ul>
Major Equipment	<ul> <li>Turbine Installation Work Hour estimate was low based on comparable projects</li> </ul>
Modules	Third Party takeoff of mechanical modules quantities
Structural Steel	Turbine Building Steel design development / Decking / Grating



## CB&I Indirect Construction - \$2007 \$M June 2019 SCD Impacted / Partially Accelerated Case

Cost Area	CO-16 Target	CO-16 T&M	Estimate Target	Estimate T&M	Variance Target	Variance T&M
Indirect Construction Labor	\$190.3	_	\$244.7	\$26.5	\$54.5	\$26.5
FNM	\$400.3	\$.01	\$632.5	\$6.6	\$232.2	\$6.6
Direct Subcontracts	\$220.0	\$0.7	\$357.7	\$0.7	\$137.6	-
Indirect Subcontracts	\$52.4		\$58.8	\$0.1	\$6.5	\$0.1
Distributables	\$261.9	\$36.5	\$336.9	\$18.0	\$75.0	(\$18.5)
FNM Expenses	\$16.8		\$17.0	\$1.0	\$0.3	\$1.0
Construction Equipment (Fuel)	\$12.8		\$25.4		\$12.7	
Start-up	-	\$96.2		\$97.0		\$0.9
Other Costs	\$127.0	\$47.2	\$193.0	\$56.6	\$66.0	\$9.3
Total	\$1,281.4	\$180.7	\$1,866.1	\$206.5	\$584.7	\$25.8



### **CB&I Indirect Construction Assumptions**

- Forward looking craft ratios (Direct to Indirect) are forecasted to be more in line with original estimate
- Cost for Faccility//Infrastructure changes are incorporated.
- The estimate incorporates schedule extension since CO-16
- Indirect cost differential between Unit 2 Accelerated Schedule and Unit 2 Impacted/Partially Mitigated schedule are identified as those required for supporting the Shield Building

### CB&I Indirect Construction Variance Explanations

Indirect Cost Area	Variance Explanations
Indirect Construction Labor	<ul> <li>Impacts related to project evolution have caused increases in the temporary infrastructure</li> <li>This includes additional facilities for a projected increase in the number of FNMs, increased laydown / storage space, extended durations of preventative maintenance, warehousing / material support personnel, etc.</li> </ul>
FNM	<ul> <li>Field Engineering has been impacted by design tolerances, volume of E&amp;DCRs, work package process, etc.</li> <li>Increases in QA/QC resources is attributed to the increase in regulatory oversight, enhanced supplier inspections, and first article surveys</li> <li>A Corrective Action Program (CAP)team has been assembled to maintain corrective actions Additional resources have been required to support the design evolution</li> </ul>
Subcontracts	The majority of Direct Subcontract impacts can be grouped into three buckets: design change impacts, scope shift from direct construction (shield building), and increased estimates
Distributables	<ul> <li>Impacts related to project evolution have caused increases in the temporary infrastructure</li> <li>This includes additional facilities for an increased number of FNMs, increased laydown / storage space, etc.</li> <li>Per Diem cost impacts are attributed to increases in quantities and productivity</li> </ul>
FNM Expenses	There were no significant impacts to the FNM expenses since CO-16
Construction Equipment Fuel	Costs associated with the projected schedule duration modification and the cost of fuel
Start-Up Costs	No significant impacts identified at this time
Other Costs	<ul> <li>Cost increases resulting from estimate changes</li> <li>Use of mock-ups to prove design prior to field work</li> </ul>



### **CB&I Indirect Cost Mitigations**

Indirect Cost Area	Mitigation Explanations
Indirect Construction Labor	Reduction in the temporary infrastructure     Decrease in the ratio of Indirect to Direct craft
FNM	<ul> <li>Completion of Engineering with certainty of finalization and predictability of schedule</li> <li>A decrease in the volume of E&amp;DCRs</li> <li>Reduction in the size, number and complexity of the Construction work packages</li> </ul>
Subcontracts	<ul> <li>Completion of the Design and increased "White Space" will allow subcontractors to:</li> <li>Improve the pre-construction planning</li> <li>Ensure the resources are onsite and in place to execute work scopes</li> </ul>
Distributables	<ul> <li>Improve the Craft Productivity thus decreasing Craft Per Diem</li> <li>Improved planning will result in a reduction of other distributable costs</li> </ul>
FNM Expenses	Continuous monitoring of the FNM Expense accounts
Construction Equipment Fuel	<ul> <li>Improved planning associated with the construction equipment execution</li> <li>Reduction in the overall amount of required equipment</li> </ul>
Start-Up Costs	Alignment of the Start-up with the updated IPS and continuous monitoring of progress
Other Costs	Continuous monitoring of the Other Cost accounts in conjunction with mitigations above could reduce the risk of the project thus reducing the Other Costs impact



### Westinghouse Summary

- Containment Vessel (Target) -
  - Includes schedule delay estimate and change orders
- Vendor Support (Target) No change in estimate
- Engineering (T&M)
  - Start Up & Testing
    - Includes scope changes, first of a kind testing per license (CVAP and FPOT), and hotel load costs
  - Licensing
    - Includes hotel load and projected overall licensing effort
  - Simulator Instructor Training No change in estimate
  - Delayed COL Study No change in estimate
  - ITAAC Maintenance Includes estimate for regulatory change
  - Affordable Care Act Estimate for regulatory change
- Import Duties (T&M)
  - Reduction based on actuals

# WEC Summary of Cost Impacts - Target \$2007 \$M

June 2019 SCD Impacted/Partially Accelerated Case

Cost Area	CO-16 Target	Proposed Estimate Target	Variance Target
EPC Management		\$31.5	\$31.5
WEC Subcontracts			
Containment Vessel (CBI Services)	\$68.7	\$155.0	\$86.3
Vendor Installation Support	\$21.0	\$21.0	
Import Duties			- - 
Total WEC Costs	\$89.7	\$207.5	\$117.8 " ""



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# WEC Summary of Cost Impacts – T&M \$2007 \$M

June 2019 SCD Impacted / Partially Accelerated Case

Cost Area	CQ-16 T&M	Proposed Estimate T&M	Variance T&M
WEC Engineering	-		
Plant Startup & Testing	\$61.0	\$102.1	\$41.1
Licensing	\$2.2	\$39.3	\$37.1
Simulator Instructor Training	\$3.1	\$3.1	\$0.0
Delayed COL Study	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.0
ITAAC Maintenance		\$3.0	\$3.0
Affordable Care Act		\$5.0	\$5.0
Other T&M		\$24.2	\$24.2
mport Duties	\$45.0	\$30.0	(\$15.0)
Total WEC Costs	\$111.5	\$206.7	\$95.2



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# Individual Estimates

- The Quantity Estimate was broken into three (3) "Phases"
  - Phase I Represented the change in quantities in Progress
     Tracker from CO-16 to June 2014
  - Phase II Engineering estimated quantities for which the specific detailed quantities have not been identified (i.e. cable feet but not specific gauge)
  - Phase III Engineering estimate of quantity risk associated with impacts that are known but have yet to be quantified are captured in contingency (i.e. normal shut down after fire)
- Non-key quantities associated with the key quantities were estimated to increase by the same percentage as the key quantities (i.e. Rebar to Concrete).

### **Craft Productivity**

- Analysis and reviews performed and consideration given to:
  - Unit ability to recognize efficiencies of 2<sup>nd</sup> unit
  - Building congestion, regulatory oversight, engineering completeness
  - Discipline project and industry history
- Current PF = 1.41 (U2 = 2.15, U3 = 1.74, SS = 1.07)
  - Estimate based on several factors
    - Currently only 12.95% complete with direct construction.
       Typically would not reforecast PF until 205% complete with a particular scope
    - Assumes future Regulatory changes will not impair craft productivity
    - Design Reconciliation advantages (e.g. Tekla modeling)
    - Work Process Stream Improvements
- ETC PF of 1.15 to be realized through gradual improvements over 6 month period

### CB&I Schedule Impacts Estimate Summary - \$2007 \$M

June 2019 SCD Impacted/Partially Accelerated Case

Cost Area	Estimate Target	Estimate T&M
Indirect Construction Labor	\$65.3	; ;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;
FNM-	\$65.5	\$0.2
Subcontracts ."	± 1	\$2.4
<b>Dist</b> ributables	\$72.5	
FNM Expenses •	\$1.0	
Construction EquipmentFued+	\$4.4	
Total	\$208.6	\$6.0



### Conclusions

- Estimate includes aggressive actions to mitigate schedule and cost impacts.
- Project is actively pursuing other improvement opportunities to control Owner/Consortium costs.
- The Consortium EAC team will be available to provide additional supporting information and answer questions as needed.



# Client Change Orders

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### Site Layout Estimate Summary - \$2007 \$M

Cost Area	Estimate Target
Direct Labor – Site Specific	\$5.6
Indirect Construction Labor	\$1.8
FNM	\$2.5
Direct Subcontracts	\$5.9
Indirect Subcontracts	\$0.4
Distributables	\$0.8
FNM Expenses	-
Construction Equipment Fuel	-
Other Costs	\$3.4
Total	\$20.5



#### Site Layout

- Estimate development incorporated a bottoms up approach focused on the engineered quantities. The approach was similar to previously provided estimates including:
  - Indirect Craft was developed using crewed approach for work items
    - For Example: General site clean-up was based on ratios to direct craft as per the As-Sold estimate

## Cyber Security Estimate Summary - \$2007 \$M

Cost Area	T&M
Indirect Construction Labor	\$0.1
FNM	\$5.6
Subcontracts	
Distributables	\$0.2
FNM Expenses	\$1.0
Construction Equipment Fuel	÷
Start-Up Costs	
Other Costs	\$1.7
Westinghouse	\$24.2
Total	\$32.8



### Cyber Security

- The Consortium has identified approximately 180 commodities
  - 71 of the commodities are identified as being CB&I scope
- There are approximately 49 Standard Plant systems and 22 Site Specific commodities that are defined as critical.
- Direct Labor costs are based on an estimated 500 CDAs.
- CB&I will support WEC's lead in the development of a Critical Digital Asset Tamper Seal procedure (per Section 2.1.3 of the TD).
- CB&I estimates includes impacts associated with the revision and implementation of internal procedures
  - Initial estimate is a minimum of fifteen (15) procedures will be impacted by cyber security requirements

#### Accelerated Client Summary (2007)

	2 - Dec 2018, Unit		timate	Estimate		Estimate	Estimate									
000's	2007 Dollars	Site	layout	Cyber Security	У	Quantity Changes	Craft Productivity	Schedule Impact	Base Scope Reflinement	Regulatory Driven	Contingency / Rísk Evaluation	Other Misc Adjustments	Field Non Manual	Acceleration	Total Cost	Target T&
	Sch @ CO-16 PSC Approved		rojected Costs 7 Dollars	Current Projected 0 2007 Dollars		Current Projected Costs 2007 Dollars	Current Projected Costs	Variance Vari								
	Target T&M	Target	T&M		&M	Target T&M	2007 Dollars  EPC Target T&M	2007\$'s 2000 Amount Amo								
Area:						-										
Site Specific  Above Ground Electrical	7,525 -		-	-		351 -	1,334 -					1,458 -		-	10,667 -	3,143
Above Ground Pipe	6,999 -					(1,047) -	1,009 -					1,103 -			8,064 -	1,065
Building Construction Civil Site Work	113 - 16,362 -	5,61	0 8			(10) - 4,036 -	11 - 4,460 -					13 - 4,822 -			126 - 35,290 8	14 18,928
Concrete	27,772 -	-	-		-	(10,361)	3,715 -					4,007 -			25,134	(2,639)
Instrumentation & Control	177 -	-		-	38	235 -	74 -					81 -			567 38	390
Major Equipment Modules	29,770 -		-			(28,000) -	104 -					100 -			1,975 -	(27,795)
Structural Steel	470 -		-	-	-	(37) -	64 -					70 -			566 -	97
Under Ground Electrical Under Ground Pipe	3,318 - 1,815 -		-	-		(3) - 1,221 -	720 - 994 -					778 - 1,059 -			4,812 - 5,090 -	1,494
Total Direct Labor Site Specific	94,321 -	5,61	.0 8	. —	38	(33,615)	12,486 -				· <del>- : : :</del>	13,490 -			92,292 46	3,275 (2,029)
Direct Labor - Unit 2  Above Ground Electrical	46,617 -					11,027 -	8,039 -		_	_	-	8,750 -		12,410 -	86,843 -	40,226
Above Ground Pipe	47,604					4,462 -	9,149 -					9,937 -		12,410	71,151	23,548
<b>Building Construction</b>	860 -			-	-	758 -	294 -					321 -			2,234 -	1,374
Civil Silte Work Concrete	28 - 29,772 -				-	258 - 18,082 -	54 - 8,571 -					59 - 9,303 -			400 - 65,728 -	371 35,956
Instrumentation & Control	6,351			-		4 -	1,155 -					1,257 -			8,766	2,415
Major Equipment	17,114	-	-	- ·	-	(7,175) -	4,472 -					9,250 -			23,662 -	6,547
Modules Structural Steel	978 10,716	-	-	· .	-	3,151 - 3,529 -	782 - 2,673 -					2,737 - 2,908 -			7,648 - 19,826 -	6,670 9,111
Under Ground Electrical	44 -			2		65 -	20 -					2,908 -			19,826 -	108
Under Ground Pipe	210 -		-		-	32 -	21					24 -			287 -	77
Total Direct Labor Unit 2	——————————————————————————————————————		-			34,193 -	35,231 -		•			44,568 -	-	12,410 -	286,696 -	126,402
Direct Labor - Unit 3																
Above Ground Electrical	46,611	-	-	-	-	11,027 -	8,037 -		7			8,747 -		12,410 -	86,833 -	40,221
Above Ground Pipe Building Construction	47,637 858		-		-	4,882 - 758 -	9,145 - 294 -					9,940 - 321 -			71,604 - 2,231 -	23,966 1,373
Civil Site Work	184				-	343	98 -					107 -			733	549
Concrete	29,640	-	-	-	- 1	18,113 -	7,996 -					8,712 -			64,461 -	34,821
Instrumentation & Control Major Equipment	6,351 20,442					(10,378) -	1,155 - 3,795 -					1,257 - 8,550 -			8,766 - 22,409 -	2,415 1,966
Modules	3,441		-			823 -	781 -					2,735 -			7,780 -	4,339
Structural Steel	10,716	-	-			3,527 -	2,664 -					2,899 -			19,806	9,090
Under Ground Electrical Under Ground Pipe	. 262 159					61 -	59 - 21 -					64 - 23 -			447 - 235 -	185 76
Total Direct Labor Unit 3	166,302			·	<del></del>	29,192 -	34,045 -	-			<del> : :</del>	43,354		12,410	285,303 -	119,001
onstruction Labor	420,917			-	38	29,770 -	81,763 -	-				101,412 -		24,819 -	664,292 46	243,374
Indirect Construction Labor FNM	190,270 400,341	1,70 10 2,49			113 5,564			65,252 3,4 65,495 1	34 56			(12,560) 22,932	* 164,187 849	* 25,344 2,537 75,001 -	270,074 29,044 707,516 6,579	79,805 307,176
Direct Subcontracts		20 5,9		-	-	S7,575 -						74,095 (66)	201,207		357,647 654	137,619
Indirect Subcontracts	52,374		76 -	•	5			70.457				6,087 -		1,606 -	60,443 5	8,069
Distributables FNM Expenses	261,882 36,5 16,755	2 -	26 -		213 1.017			72,457 2,4 1,001				1,754 (21,118) (727) (1)		32,212 1,772 7,513 -	369,131 19,819 24,542 1,018	107,250 7,787
Construction Equipment Fuel	12,755		-		-			4,440				8,228 -			25,423 -	12,668
Start-Up Costs	- 12		-	-				-								
Craft:Labor.S/U FNM Labor.S/U	- 12,: - 7,:								*			- 926 - 771			- 13,037 - 8,639	
OtherS/U	- 76,2	24 -	-		-							- (829)			- 75,395	
Other Costs	127,000 47,3			-	1,709			-			74,529 -	(11,995) 7,626			192,976 56,576	65,976
Total CB&I Costs	1,702,322 180,	94 20,4	65 36	-	8,659	87,346 -	81,763 -	208,645 6,0	26 -		74,529 -	166,294 10,241	164,187 849	166,494 4,309	2,672,045 210,813	969,723
G & A	52,602 4,	99													82,566 5,130	29,964
Subtotal	1,754,924 184,														2,754,611 215,943	999,687
Subtotal Unadjusted Price	80,060 6, 1,834,984 191,														128,511 10,229 2,883,122 226,172	48,451 1,048,139
Target Price Adjustment	-														(104,493)	(104,493)
ontract Target Price Payment (CB&I)	1,834,984	-													2,778,629 226,172	943,646
EPC Mgmt/ Construction Support									21,000				2. (1.2 2.1.)		21,000 -	21,000
WEC Subcontracts									22,000						21,000	21,000
Containment Vessel (CBI Services)	68,720							61,250	25,000						154,970 -	86,250
Vendor Installation Support WEC Engineering	21,000														21,000 -	
Plant Startup & Testing	61,	147						2,	700 15,	000 22,000	0				- 100,747	
Licensing		42						4,	700 30,	000					- 36,942	
Simulator Instructor Training Delayed COL Study		50													- 3,124 - 50	
ITAAC Maintenance		30								2,62	5				- 2,625	
Affordable Care Act										4,50	0				- 4,500	•
Other T&M Import Duties	45,	000			24,181				(15,	000)					- 24,181 - 30,000	
Total WEC Costs	89,720 111,				24,181			61,250 7,			5				196,970 202,169	107,250
G & A	4,008														8,673 -	4,665
Subtotal APC	93,728 111,	163		_											205,643 202,169	111,915
Profit Sübtötal Unadjusted Price	7,264 100,992 111	163		_			-				_	_	-		15,937 - 221,581 202,169	8,673 120,589
Target Price Adjustment															(13,758) -	(13,758)
Contract Target Price Payment (WEC)	100,992 111	163													207,823 202,169	106,831
Total Project (Combined Cost)	1,792,042 292	157							1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -						2,869,015 412,982	1,076,973
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#### Impacted/Partially Accelerated Client Summary (2007)

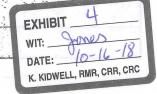
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	PSC Approved	1	2007 Dollars		2007 Dollars		2007 Dollars	2007 Dollars	2007 Dollar	irs	Current Projected Cos 2007 Dollars		Current Projected Costs 2007 Dollars	Current Projected Costs 2007 Dollars	Current Projected Costs 2007 Dollars	200	Projected Costs 07 Dollars	Current Projected Costs 2007 Dollars	Current Projected Costs 2007 Dollars	Variance 2007 \$'s	Variance 200% \$'s
Area:	Target	T&M	Target T	F&M	Target T&M	Ta	arget T&M	Target T&M	Target	T&M	Target T&N	WI	Target T&M	Target T&M	Target T&M	Target	T&M	Target T&M	EPC Target T&M	Amount	Amount
Site Specific		-																			
Above Ground Electrical Above Ground Pipe	7,525 6,999						351 - (1,047) -	1,334 - 1,009 -	-						1,458 - 1,103 -				10,667 - 8,064 -	3,143 1,065	
<b>Building Construction</b>	113	-	10.51	-			(10) -	11 -	-	-					13 -				126 -	14	
Civil Site Work Concrete	16,362 27,772		5,610	- 8			4,036 - (10,361) -	4,460 - 3,715 -	-						4,822 - 4,007 -				35,290 8 25,134 -	18,928 (2,639)	8
Instrumentation & Control	177		-	-	-	38	235 -	74 -	-						81 -				567 38	390	38
Major Equipment Modules	29,770						(28,000) -	104 -							100 -				1,975 -	(27,795)	
Structural Steel	470			-			(37) -	64 -		-					70 -				566 -	97	
Under Ground Electrical Under Ground Pipe	3,318 1,815	-					(3) - 1,221 -	720 - 994 -	-	-					778 - 1,059 -				4,812 -	1,494	-
Total Direct Labor Site Specific	94,321		5,610	- 8		38	(33,615)	12,486 -			-			<del></del>	13,490 -		-		5,090 - 92,292 46	3,275 (2,029)	46
Direct Laitour- Unit 2																					
Above Ground Electrical	46,617		-	-			11,027 -	8,039 -	-	-	-				8,750 -		-		74,433 -	27,816	-
Above Ground Pipe	47,604			-		-	4,462 -	9,149 -							9,937 -				71,151 -	23,548	-
Building Construction Civil Site Work	860 28			-			758 - 258 -	294 - 54 -							321 - 59 -				2,234 - 400 -	1,374 371	
Concrete	29,772	-		-		-	18,082 -	8,571 -	-	-					9,303 -				65,728 -	35,956	
Instrumentation & Control Major Equipment	6,351 17,114						4 - (7,175) -	1,155 - 4,472 -		-					1,257 - 9,250 -				8,766 - 23,662 -	2,415 6,547	-
Modules	978		-				3,151 -	782 -							2,737 -				7,648	6,670	
Structural Steel	10,716		-	-		-	3,529 -	2,673 -							2,908 -				19,826 -	9,111	
Under Ground Electrical Under Ground Pipe	44 210	-		-			65 - 32 -	20 - 21 -		-					22 - 24 -				152 - 287 -	108 77	-
Total Direct Labor Unit 2	160,294	-	-	-	-	-	34,193 -	35,231 -	-	-	-				44,568 -		-		274,287 -	113,992	-
Direct Lathour - Unit 3																					
Above Ground Electrical	46,611	-	-	-		-	11,027 -	8,037 -	-	-					8,747 -			-	74,423 -	27,812	-
Above Ground Pipe Building Construction	47,637 858			-			4,882 - 758 -	9,145 - 294 -							9,940 - 321 -				71,604 - 2,231 -	23,966 1,373	
Civil Site Work	184			-			343 -	98 -							107				733	549	
Concrete	29,640		-	-		-	18,113 -	7,996 -	-	-					8,712 -				64,461 -	34,821	
Instrumentation & Control Major Equipment	6,351 20,442			-			4 - (10,378) -	1,155 - 3,795 -	-						1,257 - 8,550 -				8,766 - 22,409 -	2,415 1,966	
Modules	3,441	-	-	-		- 1	823 -	781 -	-						2,735				7,780 -	4,339	-
Structural Steel Under Ground Electrical	10,716 262			-			3,527 - 61 -	2,664 - 59 -							2,899 - 64 -				19,806 - 447 -	9,090 185	
Under Ground Pipe	159		-	-			32 -	21 -	-	-					23			<u> </u>	235 -	76	
Total Direct Labor Unit 3 Total Direct Construction Labor	166,302 420,917		5,610	- 0		20	29,192 - 29,770 -	34,045 - 81,763 -	-	-	- 1 (1)	<u> </u>			43,354 101,412				272,894 - 639,473 46	106,592	- 46
Indirect Construction Labor	190,270		1,769	28		113	23,770		65,252	3,434					(12,560) 22,9				639,473 46 244,730 26,507	218,555 54,461	26,507
FNM Direct Subcontracts	400,341 220,029	10 720	2,493 5,949	-	- 5,5	564	57,575 -		65,495	156					74.005	164,1	.87 849		632,516 6,579	232,175	6,569
Indirect Subcontracts	52,374	-	376	-		5	57,575 -								74,095 6,087	66)			357,647 654 58,838 5	137,619 6,463	(66) 5
Distributables	261,882	36,518	826			213		-	72,457	2,435					1,754 (21,1				336,919 18,048	75,038	(18,470)
FNM Expenses Construction Equipment Fuel	16,755 12,755	2		-	- 1,0	.017			1,001 4,440						(727) 8,228	(1)			17,029 1,018 25,423 -	274 12,668	1,016
Start-Up Costs		-	-	-		-			-	-										-	-
Craft Labor S/U FNM Labor S/U		12,111 7,868		-		-										26 71			- 13,037 - 8,639	•	926 771
Other S/U		76,224		-					-							29)			- 8,639 - 75,395		(829)
Other Costs	127,000	47,242	3,442	-		,709				-				74,529 -	(11,995) 7,6				192,976 56,576	65,976	9,334
Total CB&I Costs	1,702,322	180,694	20,465	36	- 8,	,659	87,346 -	81,763 -	208,645	6,026	-	-		74,529 -	166,294 10,2	41 164,1	187 849		2,505,551 206,504	803,229	25,810
G & A	52,602	4,199																	77,422 4,997	24,820	798
Subtotal Profit	1,754,924 80,060	184,893 6,391																	2,582,973 211,501	828,049	26,608
Subtotal Unadjusted Price	1,834,984	191,285																	117,835 9,680 2,700,808 221,181	37,776 865,824	3,289 29,896
Target Price Adjustment																			(93,817) -	(93,817)	-
Total Contract Target Price Payment (CB&I)	:1:-:,8 <b>1,834,984</b> : 8	8::-4																	2,606,990 221,181	772,007	29,896
<b>EPC Mgmt/ Construction Support</b>			-		10-11				-	-	31,500	-			Z				31,500 -	31,500	
WEC Subcontracts  Containment Vessel (CBI Services)	50.720		-						64.250		25.000				-				454.070	0.000	
Vendor Installation Support	68,720 21,000								61,250		25,000								154,970 - 21,000 -	86,250	
WEC Engineering																					-
Plant Startup & Testing Licensing		61,047 2,242								4,050 7,050		15,000 30,000	22,000						- 102,097 - 39,292	-	41,050 37,050
Simulator Instructor Training		3,124								7,030		50,000							- 3,124		-
Delayed COL Study ITAAC Maintenance		50											2.000						- 50		-
Affordable Care Act													3,000 5,000						- 3,000 - 5,000		3,000 5,000
Other IT & M					24,	,181													- 24,181	-	24,181
Import Duties  Total WEC Costs	89,720	45,000 111,463	-		- 24	J,181			61.250	11,100		30,000	- 30,000						- 30,000 207,470 206,744	117,750	(15,000) 95,281
G & A	4,008	,703			27				22,230	32,200			30,000						9,130 -	5,122	-
Subtotal APC	93,728	111,463			-														216,600 206,744	122,872	95,281
Subtotal Una ···· Plofit _	7,264 100,992	111,463																	16,787 - 233,387 206,744	9,523 132,395	95,281
Target Price Adjustment											4.24								(14,607) -	(14,607)	
Total Contract Target Price Payment (WEC)	,1;::00: <b>:100;952</b>	;-;llc;-1 <b>1116463</b> ;-																	218,779 206,744	117,787	95,281
Total Project (Combined Cost)	1::1,792,042	292,157																	2,713,021 413,248	920,979	121,091
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Total Project (Combined Price) =	1,935,976	302,748																	2,825,770 427,925	889,794	125,170

# EAC Review Team Preliminary Update Preparation for 10/13/14 Executive Meeting

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#### Introduction

- Acknowledging that the EAC Review Team (EAC Team) has not completed its review, this presentation is a summary of costs we believe the Consortium is not entitled to.
- Note that all dollar amounts are 100%, in 2007 dollars, and based on COD's of 12/18 and 12/19.

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### CB&I Direct Craft Productivity

- CB&Iprojects the To-Go PF will be 1.15. (ITD PF as of \%/14 is \. 1.46.)
- EAC Team recommends holding CB&I accountable to this PF,
   only paying up to this level.
- © EAC Team anticipates a To-Go PF closer to 1.40 and recalculated the cost, resulting in an additional increase of approximately \$101M. (This is the cost impact of the To-Go PF of 1.40 Vs. 1.15 and is not included in the Consortium EAC.)
- an additional opportunity exists to challenge costs above -- established Direct/Indirect ratios.

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## CB&I Schedule Impact

- CB&I estimates the Structural Module Delay in the schedule costs \$221M.
- Based on CB&I's estimating methodology, the EAC Team believes this to be an inflated cost. Consortium ded an ishmate who a most be followed to were mental cost we think last is most be the followers. For the EAC Team recommends \$0 entitlement as the delay is due to
- Structural Module Delays.
- In addition, CB&I has included a cost impact of \$114M from 2013 Basemat Rebar "WEC Design Issue" in the "Other Misc. Adjustments" column of the EAC. (It is assumed that this cost has already been incurred by the Owner.)

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# CB&I Contingency



- © B&I projects an additional \$77M of contingency for a total contingency of \$200M.
- © EAC Team recommends removal of the \$77M from EAC, leaving \$123M remaining incontingency.
- Mote: The Consortium Contingency account of \$123M has been restorted due to inclusion of previous usage of contingency in the ... "Quantity Changes" and "Other Misc. Adjustments" categories of the EAC.

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# CB&I Shield Building Risk

- In addition to the CB&I issues contained in the EAC provided by the Consortium, the EAC review team has identified an omission that should be mentioned
- · .6 Construction of the Shield Hibilding presents an additional Hisk to the Project.
  - O Increasing the base labour hours for Shield. Building erection to the original estimate quantities represents an increase of \$14.99M is the EAC at CB&I Services labor rates.

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#### CB&I Field Nom-Mamual

- CB&I projects an increase in FNM costs of \$170M. [ Hother " +
- EAC Team verified the EAC using the current CB&I FNM plan, which is lean. The EAC Team does not anticipate that CB&I will be able to comply with this plan.
- CB&I currently receives a contract based mark-up of 1.70 for all FNM labor costs. The Owner has verified on numerous
- occasions that the mark-up CB&I actually incurs on FNM labor **gosts** is approximately 1,30.

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#### CB&I Acceleration

- CB&I projects an increase of approximately \$168M for acceleration to meet the December 2019, SCDs.
- 10 Thus cost is based on a limited night shift of 340 Direct Graffs, 1000 ...... Indirect Craft, and 60 FNM. There is also an additional 1000 ..... <

  FNM on day shift to support the night shift.

  - is necessary due to Structural Module Delays: ---

#### CB&I Woodlands Cuts

- o. Under Target Price scheme; all actual costs are reimbursed...:)

	Woodlands Adjustmant	Project Adjustment	Total Adjustment
Indirect	(30,000)	_	(30,000)
FE Increase	(163,500)	-	(163,500)
FNM Reduction	(49,000)		(49,000)
		25,000	25,000
FNM	(212,500)	25,000	(187,500)
Direct Subcontracts	(19,300)	=	(19,300)
Distribs	(37,000)		(37,000)
Escalation	(23,400)	-	(23,400)
OOMs	(532)		(532)
↓ Project ICA	1,629		1,629
Other Costs	(22,303)		(22,303)
Total	((321,103))	25,000	(296,103)

# WIEC Schedule Impact



- © WEC projects a delay in the schedule will cost \$76M.
- \$64M of the \$76M is due to increases in the CV subcontract cost. EAC Team found several errors in this estimate reducing the EAC impact to \$35M. (WEC has been requested to revise the EAC)
- § \$12M of the \$76M is due to hotel load increases for Plant Startup and Licensing.
- EAC Team recommends \$0 entitlement because the delay is due to Structural Module Delay's.

# Base Scope Resimement

- EPC. Management -WEC has indicated that their 'best taleport's approach; in addition to CB&I of site management, Will add: WEC staff costs totaling approximately \$22M.
- WEC EPC Tatget work scope does not currently include; this \_--<
- EAC Team recommends \$0 entitlement as this cost is due to
  Consortium (CB&I) inefficiencies..
- Licensing-WEC projects an increase in the Licensing T&M costs that lines \$28M.

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↓○ EAC Team recommends \$0 entitlement as this is Firm Price work.

# Regulatory Driven

- Start-up and Testing -WEC projects an increase in CVAP and FOAK testing of \$23M. (Waiting on WEC Cost...)
- \*EAC Team recommends allimathe Office planning and procedure .0 development be removed from the EAC and considered Firm .... price.\$11.5M. (Pending receipt of WEC Cost) ... --

(CNAP) Comprehensive vibrations program

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# Owner Challenges

- included in the EAC by the Consortium will be reimbursed
  - Utider Tassev Price and It&M payment processes..... >: /
- When it is determined these or similar costs will not be paid by the Owner, the process to ensure they are withheld from an invoice will be a significant challenge. (Consortium may not agree with the reductions).